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When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — And whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by overthrowing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained: and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the People. — He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance. — He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislature. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation. — For quartering large bodies of regular troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury: — For transporting us here to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with powers to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executors of their principals and Butchers, to fall themselves by their Swords. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of conjuncture. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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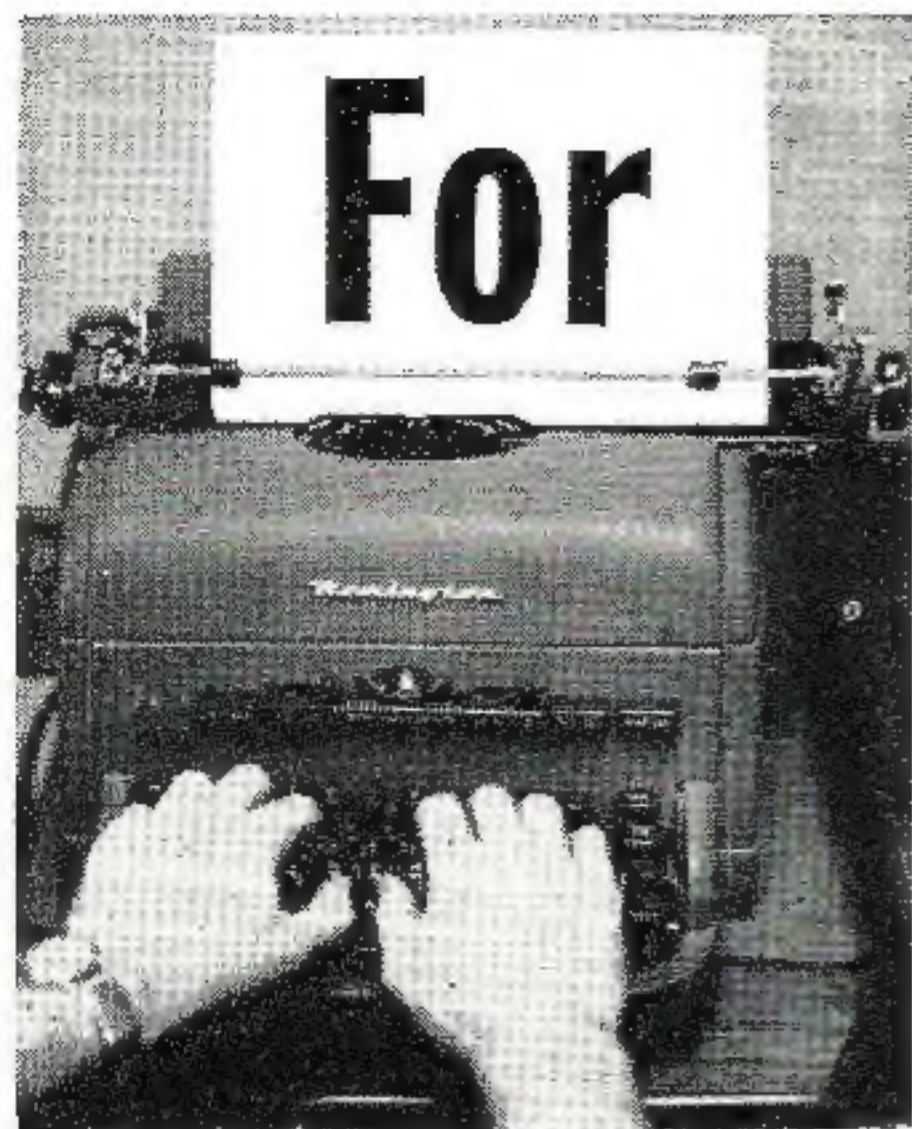
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Things that stir the heart of any American — the sight of Old Glory waving in a foreign land . . . children's voices singing the Star Spangled Banner . . . the Statue of Liberty at break of day . . . a soldier saluting the flag as the bugle sounds Retreat. The famous document gracing our cover is in the same classification. Signed July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence set in motion universal yearning for the rights and freedoms that preserve the dignity of man. More than a million Americans have died in battle for the principles set forth by our Founding Fathers, a group of the wisest men who ever lived. There's nothing corny about patriotism for a nation conceived in liberty. Read more on page 2.





# For Your Information...

## Employees Have Much to Lose if Public Power Expands

**WHAT** do we as employees of an investor-owned electric utility company have at stake in the continuing efforts by public power advocates to have government take over the electric utility industry?

Words of wisdom - and warning - came recently from Ed Dunning, publisher of an informative and widely-used employee information series:

"The men scheming to make the United States a foreign-style Socialist nation by turning industry over to the government are getting ready for their next big step. Having already seized almost a quarter of America's electrical power output and having scuttled dozens of electric companies in their path, they are now looking to grab a few billion more in public funds to extend their power empire from coast to coast.

"Aside from the cost to you as a taxpayer, the growth of public power projects means that every one of the 315,000 employees of privately-run companies faces the danger of losing wages, benefits, rights and privileges patiently built up over many years. Your company, as it now exists, cannot compete with a subsidized, tax-free project in the same area. It would have to sell out, if the TVA and MVA boys from Washington succeed in expanding their empire, under whatever name they choose, into your territory.

"Want to know how you'd lose? A recent survey in the industry shows that those who work for companies like yours earn, on the average, from \$14 to \$20 more a week than the people who do the same work for government-owned projects.

"You're not only way ahead of the TVA boys on pay, but you have better fringe benefits of all kinds - pensions, welfare plans, sick leave, vacations, holidays, insurance and job security clauses. As your company's business improves, so does your job. You don't have to wait for Congress to authorize a cost-of-living increase for you.

"What's more important, if you have a grievance, there's someone you can talk to about it. You even



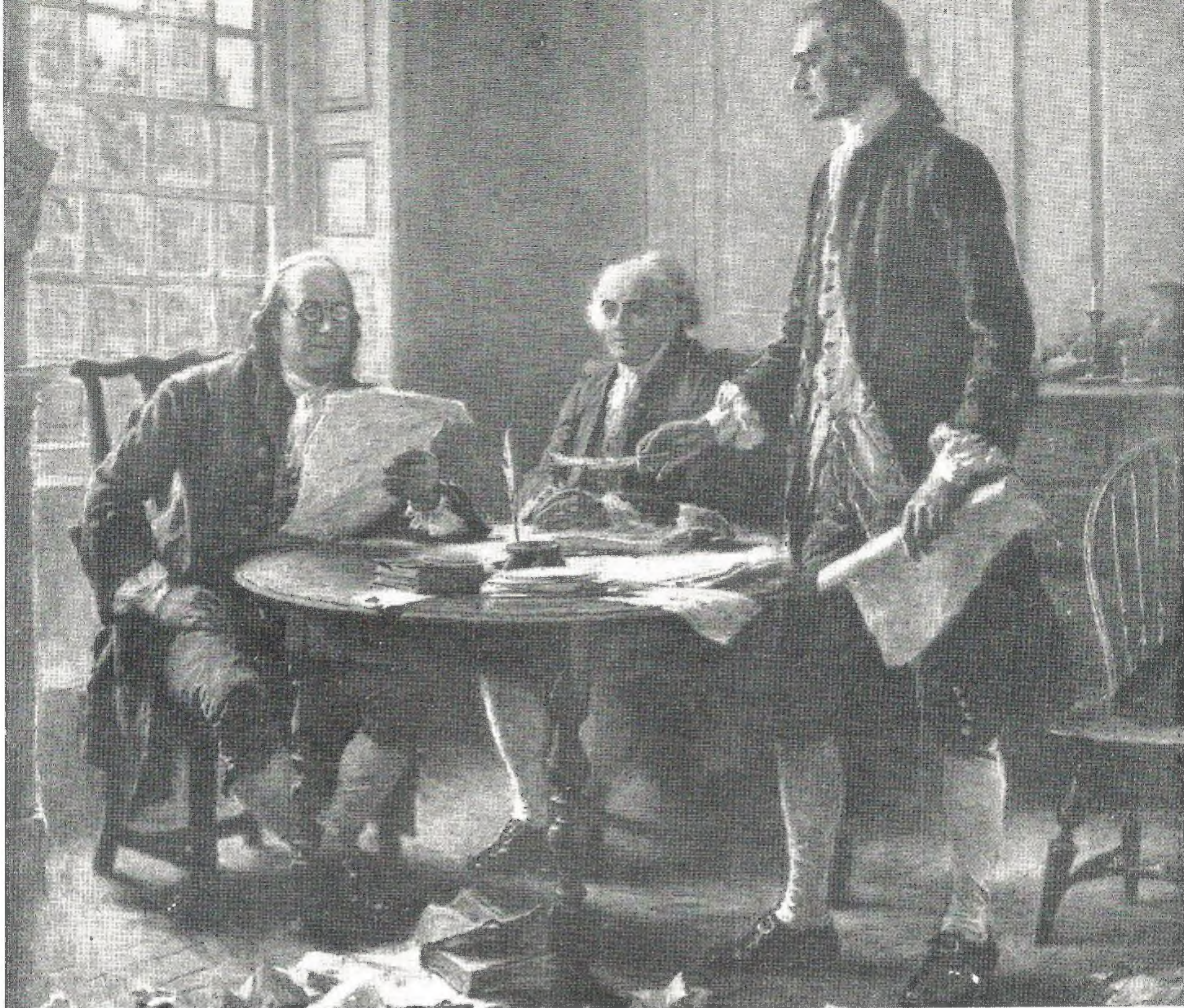
**The Fatal Consequence**

have the right to strike whether or not you belong to a union.

"That's the American way, but it's something that's impossible on a government-run power company job. There's no such thing as a strike against the government, either in our system or the Communist regime.

"Half the world is already controlled by the Soviets, and the fever is spreading in this direction. Don't let it happen here! Speak your mind about government expansion in the power industry and in every other business. Tell your friends and neighbors about it! Write to your Congressman about it! Your freedom is something worth fighting for."





Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson confer over the Declaration of Independence.

# OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

by  
Don Hinkle

*"It seems to have been reserved to the people of this country . . . to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not, of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend for their political constitution on accident and force."*

—*The Federalist Papers*  
(Alexander Hamilton)

AT the signing of the newly-drafted Constitution, a lady spectator asked Benjamin Franklin, one of the drafters, "What have you done for the future of our nation?"

Mr. Franklin replied: "We have given you liberty. It is up to you to keep it."

For the first time in the history of civilization, in the tumultuous years from 1776 to 1791 (time of the addition of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution), wise men who loved freedom assembled together to devise a form of government that would be most fair to all. It was to be known as the United States of America.

Here there was no long hereditary

line of nobility to rule capriciously or by fear; here there were only free people of all classes, thrown together in a constantly expanding, loosely-connected society. They realized that, in order to survive the attacks of the greedy European nations, they would have to unite.

The years after the War for Independence were unhappy ones for the new nation so bravely conceived in liberty. A hastily-written Articles of Confederation had instituted an impotent government: One that could only beg the independent States (for all purposes, separate nations) for money, and usually received beggar's dole: token payments, and sometimes, nothing.



The lack of well-formulated laws was apparent in the anarchy of a nation ridden by debts and incapable of paying them; a nation with no uniform laws or courts; a nation with no national militia; a nation possessing western lands of great value, but without the power to handle them properly.

And, unfortunately, that same spirit of independence which had sparked the revolution against Britain also fomented smaller revolutions against the laws and restrictions of the infant Confederacy.

The wisest men of their time and perhaps of all time—men we now call our Founding Fathers—realized that our nation needed something more, something broader, something more imaginative in concept.

True, they differed in their ideas of government, and because they differed they soon realized a great truth: That any government must be so conceived that it can allow for the separate and distinct beliefs and judgments of the most amount of people.

On these two basic foundation stones: The need for a more stable, controlling government, and the need for an intelligent, judicious declaration of rights and freedoms, they began building a new Constitution.

For the first, they included three separate and distinct bodies of government: The legislative, executive and judicial branches, and gave to each its particular freedoms and boundaries. This system of checks and balances had been missing in all forms of government in previous history.

Furthermore, they gave the central government a greater extension of its powers over the separate states. That those powers were meant to be limited they made evident, by the addition of the Bill of Rights.

By providing for popular election of representatives, they helped assure that this constitutional government would encourage the better results of man's individuality while minimizing the greed and power lusts that can also result.

As to this, James Madison said: "Liberty is to faction what air is to fire, an element without which it instantly expires. But it could not be less folly to abolish liberty, which is essential to political life, because it nourishes faction, than it would be to wish the annihilation of air, which is essential to animal life, because it imparts to fire its destructive agency."

### Are We Protecting Our Heritage?

What has happened in the intervening 170 years?

The Federalists who, in 1780, beat the drums for ratification of the Constitution by the States, had the difficulty of overpowering the colonist's exuberant spirit of independence. Today, we face the opposite problem: There doesn't seem to be enough individual independence, and the people of our United States seem resigned to giving away their legal and constitutional rights to the federal government, under various guises.

The impact of socialistic philosophies on our national purpose cannot be dismissed lightly. The writings of Marx, Engels and Lenin opened up new conceptions of the "duties" of a powerful centralized government. These men analyzed the ailments of 19th century democracies and decided that the liberty granted to individuals by a democracy encouraged evil as much as it did good, because it granted to free men the rights and privileges of free choice. (This was equivalent to analyzing the actions of a two-year-old and deciding that he will not grow to be a good man.) Therefore they sought to destroy the entire framework that permitted freedom and substitute an all-powerful State to control property-less people. They didn't understand something our Founding Fathers knew too well, that by removing all opportunities for evil, they would also unfortunately remove all possibilities for good.

### Government Should Not Be Our "Big Brother"

We can do no better than to look to the works of John Stuart Mill, who had the vision to see these turn of events. He asked:

"... whether the government should do, or cause to be done, something for their (the people's) benefit, instead of leaving it to be done by themselves, individually or in voluntary combination." To answer this, he cites three objections:

(1) "(Government should not interfere) when the thing to be done is likely to be better done by individuals than by the government . . . **there is no one so fit to conduct any business . . . as those who are personally interested in it.**"

(2) "In many cases, though individuals may not do the particular thing so well, on the average, as the officers of government, it is nevertheless desirable that it should be done by them, rather than by the government, **as a means to their own mental education**—a mode of strengthening their active faculties, exercising their judgment, and giving them a familiar knowledge of the subjects with which they are thus left to deal."

(3) "The third and most cogent reason for restricting the interference of government is the great evil of adding unnecessarily to its power . . . Every function superadded to those already exercised by the government causes its influence over hopes and fears to be more widely diffused, and **converts . . . the active and ambitious part of the public into hangers-on of the government . . .**"

Our Founding Fathers did not want this to happen to the America that they loved so well. It was for the purpose of resisting this softening influence that they created a **limited** form of government, to serve the people, rather than control them.

As Americans, sons and daughters of liberty, responsible for preserving the proud heritage that we salute next Fourth of July, it is for us to live up to those principles that are necessary to keep our Freedoms.

Only by exercising our rights as individuals, only by voting for those men who are qualified, capable and courageous, can we hold on to the rights and freedoms that are granted—but not **guaranteed**—by our Constitution.

Signing the Constitution







NORMAN LEE, Lake Charles division engineer, at Riverside Road and Highway 90. Our lines points to a slide of the Westlake Interchange, were strung across the new highway by means of 90-foot wooden poles. Two poles were placed in the center of the overpass.

### *At May Department Heads Meetings . . .*

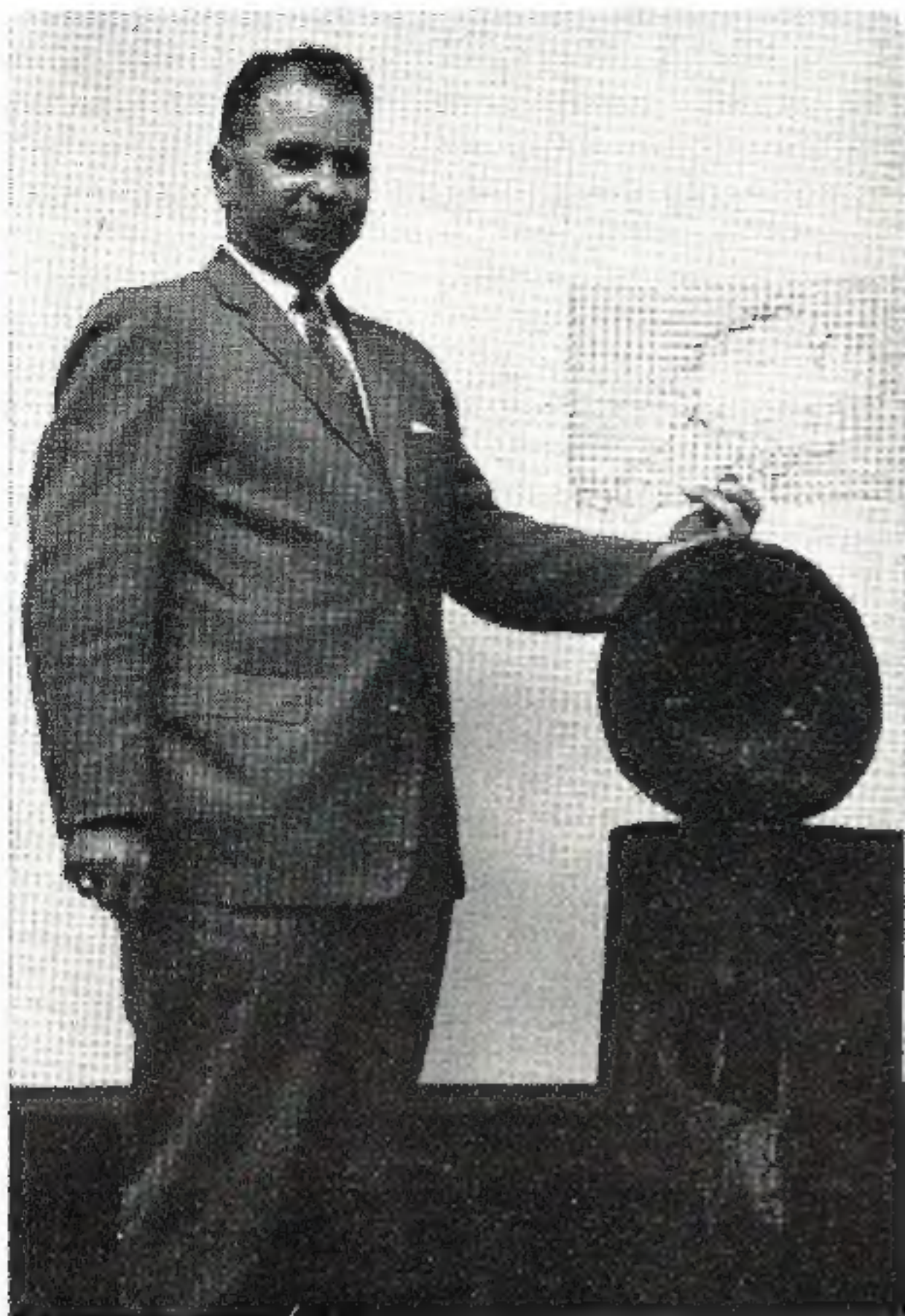
## Operations — Healing Our Growing Pains

AT last month's department heads meetings, the Operations Department took about 250 key employees on a picture tour of some of the operating problems—and solutions—that go with continued expansion.

J. B. Coltharp, system operations manager, Beaumont, presided at meetings in Beaumont, May 23, Baton Rouge, May 24, and Lake Charles, May 26, and, with the help of Messrs. Earl White, Port Arthur Division operating superintendent, Norman Lee, Lake Charles division engineer, Cooper Spengler, Gas Department operating superintendent, Baton Rouge, and J. W. Kirkland, Baton Rouge Division operating superintendent, tied together a net of diverse problems confronting our Company in the broad area it serves.

Department heads were told of the complexities behind the task of relocating our poles and lines to make





**JACK KIRKLAND**, Navasota Division operating superintendent and new Baton Rouge Electric Department operating superintendent, shows evidence of the woodpecker's attacks on our Company's wooden poles and even on the wire covering that protects the poles.

room for the new Federal Aid Highway Program. They were briefed on the "hot war" between the T & D Departments and pileated woodpeckers. They were shown an example of what it takes in manpower, materials and money to expand our transmission facilities. They were introduced to our new Gas Service Center in Baton Rouge, and shown some of the ingenious "imagineering" projects which Gas Department personnel built to make their new headquarters a model of efficiency.

#### Port Neches Bulk

Mr. White illustrated the long hours of planning, field engineering and actual construction that go into a project like the new 69,000 volt transmission line connecting Neches Station with the new Sabine Power Station and a new substation at Port Neches.

#### Relocations and Reimbursements

Mr. Lee figuratively gave his audience a peek inside the pandorean box—full of problems that have developed in the last few years in our efforts to relocate our poles and lines to accommodate the growing Federal Aid and

State Highway Programs. The actual crew time involved in the relocation of lines is only half of the job. Mainly, the problem is one of who pays whom for what. The Company must negotiate with the Highway Department, and the Bureau of Public Roads to determine what percentage of the costs of such relocations will be borne—without reimbursement—by Gulf States. In some case, ticklish legal problems have to be taken into litigation in order to get a ruling. Our Company cannot make money out of relocating its poles for the new highways—but, without careful handling, it could lose money.

#### New Service Center Increases Efficiency

Mr. Spengler said that the new Gas Service Center on Choctaw Road in Baton Rouge has greatly increased the department's operating efficiency. New facilities speed up the repainting of old meters, and the central location enables service calls to be made faster, with a consequent decrease in traveling time.

#### Pixilated Pileatus

The woodpeckers—especially the giant pileated variety known less commonly as *Ceophloeus pileatus*—have been winning their "hole-y war" against our Company's wooden poles

and, up to the present, we haven't had much luck in halting them, reported Mr. Kirkland.

The price tag on wooden poles made casualties by woodpeckers has grown substantially in the few years since the second world war. Best of many defenses so far is a 19-gauge hardware cloth, which is wrapped around the pole to "fence out" the woodpeckers and prevent their beaks from touching the wood. The cloth is about 95 per cent effective. For reasons unknown to T & D personnel, some obstinate woodpeckers have torn holes in the hardware cloth itself and drilled out the pole.

"We can't say that we have won the war until we are successful in keeping woodpeckers away from our poles all the time," Mr. Kirkland concluded.

#### New Kilowatthour Awards

Residential kilowatthour consumption showed a marked increase. Woodville was awarded a certificate for attaining the 3,000 kwh annual use per home customer and Nederland was awarded a 4,500 kwh annual use certificate.

Two divisions reached new heights in kilowatthour usage too. Beaumont and Port Arthur Divisions received plaques for reaching the 4,000 kwh annual use per home customer mark.



**COOPER SPENGLER**, Gas Department operating superintendent, tells of the department's new service center in Baton Rouge, and of methods used to increase efficiency.



**EARL WHITE**, Port Arthur Division operating superintendent, shows a length of 1,033 MCM aluminum conductor used in constructing the new 69,000 volt transmission line.





**GOLF GREATS FROM GSU.** None of them actually threaten Arnold Palmer, but these happy participants took home trophies from the annual employees golf tournament held at the

Lake Charles Golf and Country Club, Memorial Day. Left to right, are Neil Carpenter, Andre Dubus, Ed Taussig, Jerry Stokes, Leroy Bodeman, Bill Gurney, Neil Jordan, Norman Lee, Bill

Barksdale, Earl White, Clifford Meaux, Ernest Little, Al Gajeske, Jim Minner, Howard Sutton, and Bill Hurt. Kneeling are John Siddall, Martin Wagnon, Bill Heaner and Ray Pace.

*Lake Charles GSU Golfers Are Hosts To . . .*

## FUN ON THE FAIRWAY

*At Annual Employee Tournament*

*Meet The Workers . . . Who Made This Possible*



**THEY MADE THE TOURNEY A TREAT.** Thanks to the fellows above, the tournament went off like clock-work. Left to right, Jerry St. Dizier, G. J. Gilmore, Ed Hodges, Malcolm Williams, Virgil Fuselier, Jack Bass, Richard Peterman, and Luther Risher.



**ON THE GREEN IN ONE!** Charles Glass, industrial sales, Lake Charles, gets off a beauty on the picturesque eighteenth hole, as Ray Pace and Jack Reidy admire his swing. Closest ball to the pin won a prize.



ONE of our finest employees' golf tournaments is a happy memory.

Memorial Day, May 30, and the Lake Charles Golf and Country Club will stir up fond recollections for many a year for the more than 50 sunbaked Gulf Staters who chased par (not Jack) all over the rambling, lovely fairways and ended up eating delicious barbecue at the shaded Prien Lake park.

Although there were insinuations that some of the handicap scores posted were designed to win trophies instead of friends, most participants de-

parted thinking not of their score but of what a wonderful job the Lake Charles delegation had done in planning and carrying out the tournament. The workers who made this an outstanding event won many friends and are pictured, appropriately, with those who won prizes.

Those who blushed and ducked their heads when their scores were announced can now lift them because, as the Dodgers used to say, "Wait 'til next year!" Best wishes to the folks at Orange, who have already announced they'll host the fairway frolic on our Memorial Day holiday in 1961.



Mr. Morrison and Mr. Dubus didn't tire . . .



Best dressed—Jack Shirey . . .



"Bogey-man" Ray Pace and a ghostly hazard . . .



Randy McAlpine and Bill Hurt caught short . . .



Ray Pace and Jack Reidy watch Jim Turner tee off . . .



Par-busters Ed Taussig, Brad McMaster, Willie Prejean and Frank Jones . . .

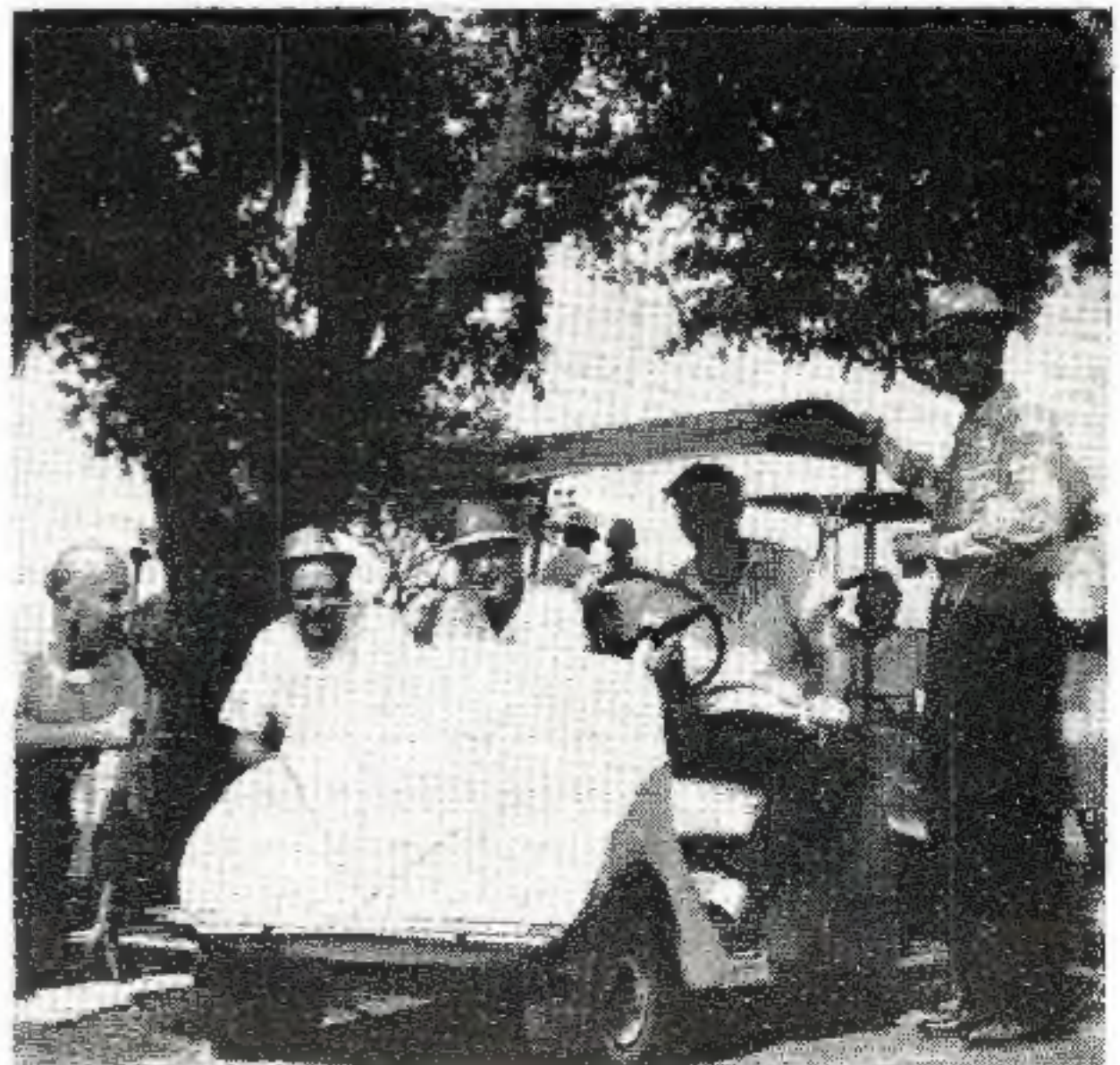
Jerry Stokes explains a bogey . . .



Jim Towers, George Hayes and Clifford Meaux weeding . . .



On the 19th—Al Hastings, Roy Franques, "Hut" Reed, "Squirt" Williams and Martin Wagnon . . .



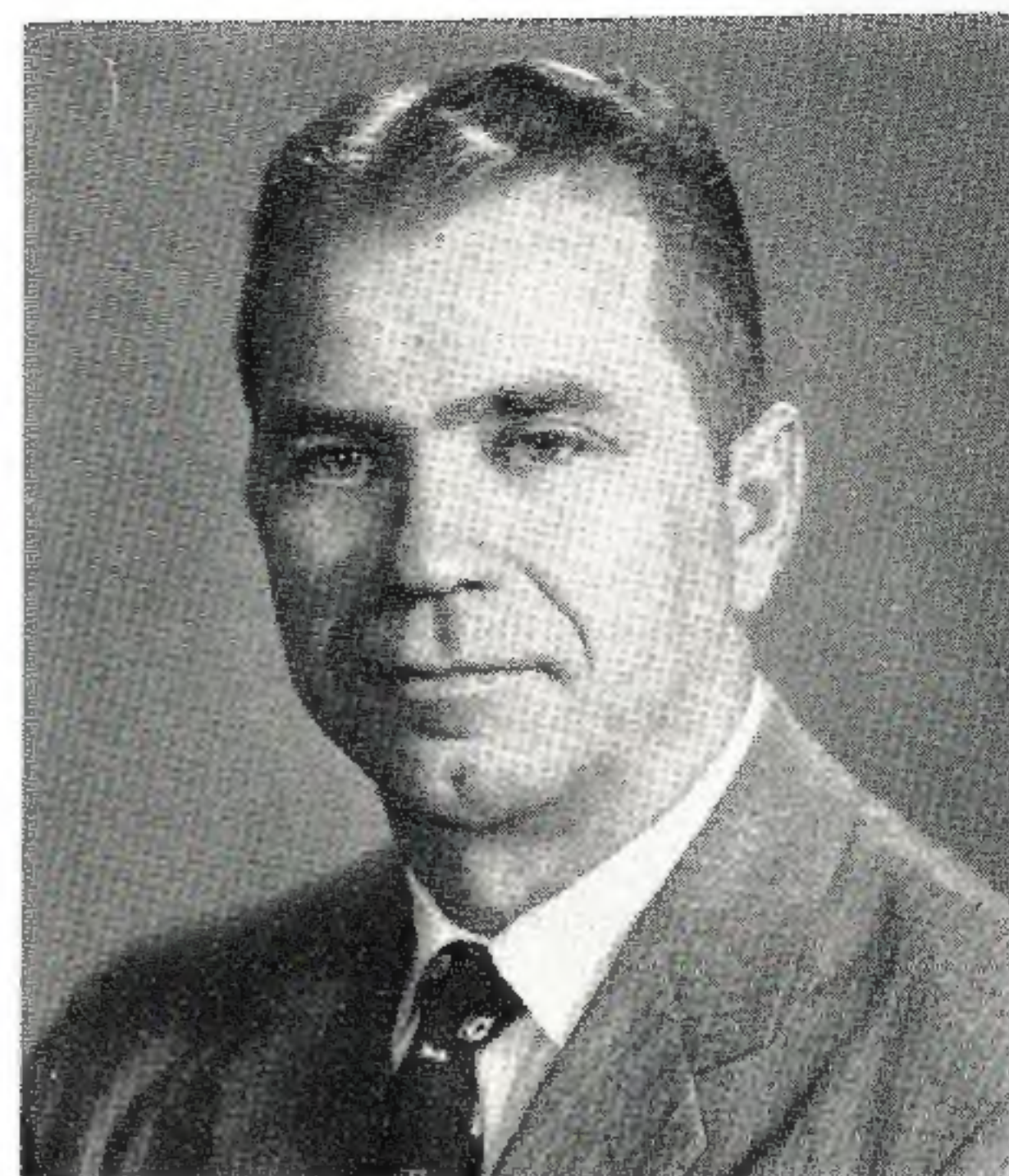




Mr. Welch



Mr. Lee



Mr. Kirkland

## Mr. Welch Is Assistant To Executive Vice President; Lee, Kirkland, Baird, Receive New Assignments

**PROMOTIONS** involving important new assignments for four operating men in Beaumont, Baton Rouge and Navasota, have been announced by George R. Fulton, executive vice president, Beaumont. The new assignments, which were effective June 1, are as follows:

- **L. M. Welch** is promoted from manager, Beaumont Division, to assistant to the executive vice president, Beaumont.
- **Rex E. Lee** is promoted from operating superintendent, Electric Department, Baton Rouge Division, to manager, Beaumont Division.
- **J. W. Kirkland** is promoted from operating superintendent, Navasota Division, to operating superintendent, Electric Department, Baton Rouge.
- **Albert Baird** is promoted from staff engineer, Beaumont, to operating superintendent, Navasota Division.

### Mr. Welch

A native of Willis, Texas, Mr. Welch was reared in Voth and Port Neches. He is an electrical engineering graduate of Texas A & M. Mr. Welch became associated with our Company in Port Arthur in 1925. He has accumulated experience in the Engineering Depart-

ments of Beaumont and Port Arthur, as district superintendent in Conroe and in key positions in the Distribution Departments of Port Arthur, Navasota, Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, where he was operating superintendent from 1954 until 1955.

Mr. Welch was appointed manager of the Beaumont Division in 1955.

### Mr. Lee

A native of Bellamy, Alabama, educated in Florida, and an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Florida, Mr. Lee joined our Company as an illuminating engineer in Jennings, after he had worked three years with the General Electric Company in Lynn, Massachusetts. He gained experience in engineering, rate structure and T & D work as he progressed through jobs in Lake Charles and Beaumont. He was promoted to operating superintendent of the Electric Department in Baton Rouge in 1955.

### Mr. Kirkland

An electrical engineering graduate of Louisiana State University, Mr. Kirkland joined the Company in 1939 as an instrument man in Baton Rouge. The native of Alexandria, La., transferred to Lafayette as a district engineer and, later, power engineer. In 1943, he entered the U.S. Navy where he served three years.



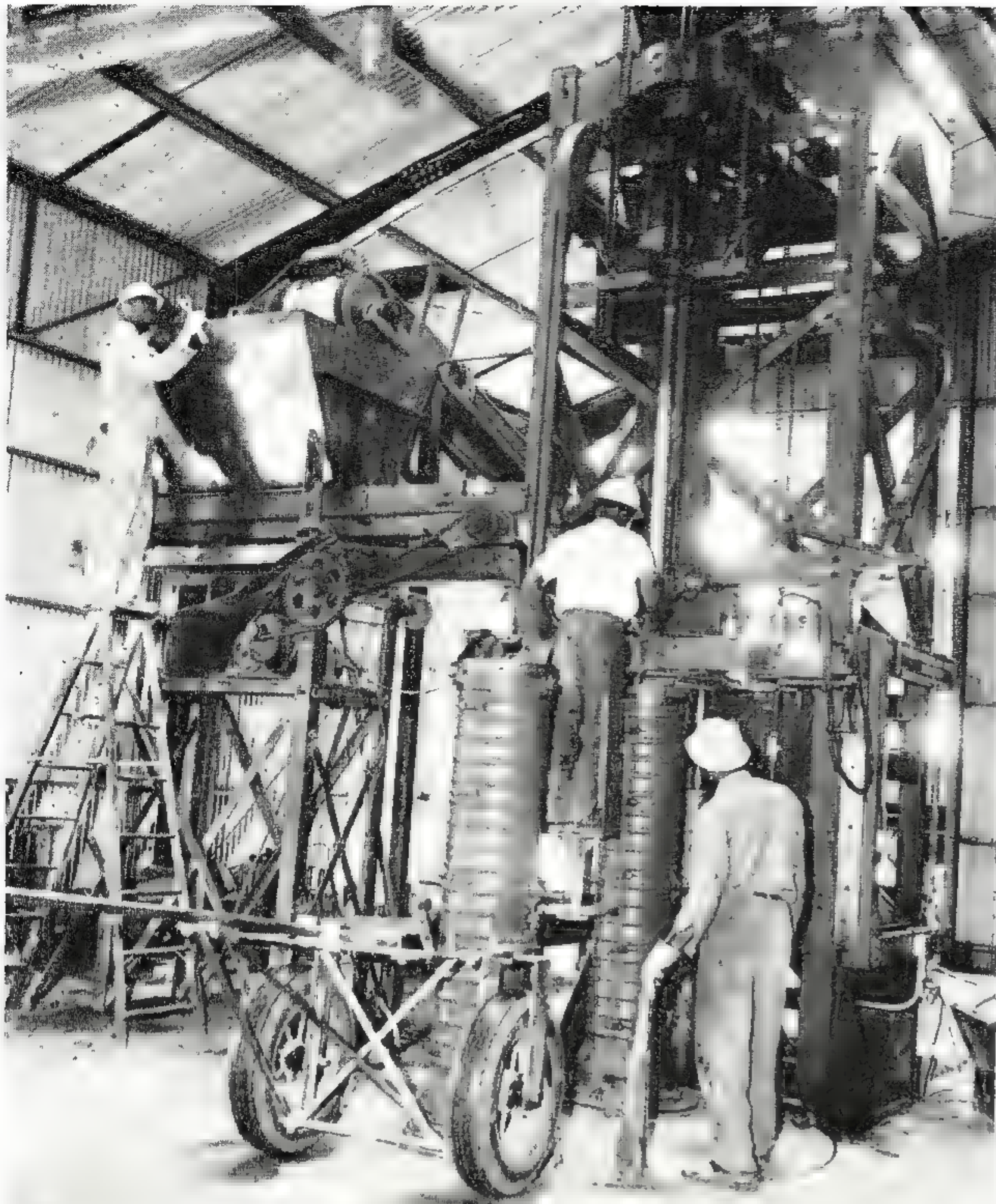
Mr. Baird

Mr. Kirkland returned to the Company as an engineer in Lake Charles and then gained additional T & D and engineering experience in Navasota and Beaumont. In 1957, he was promoted to the position of operating superintendent, Navasota Division, the job he held at the time of his promotion.

### Mr. Baird

A native of Frost, Texas, Mr. Baird attended Trinity University and New Mexico A & M before joining the Company in 1936 in Beaumont. He worked in estimating and planning in Beaumont and Orange and in 1941 became distribution engineer in Orange. He gained further engineering experience in moves which took him to Port Arthur, Navasota and back to Port Arthur before being promoted to engineering supervisor in Beaumont in 1952. He became division engineer in 1956 and was promoted to operating supervisor later that year.





POWER FOR PIPES. Electric motors convey materials to hopper.

*In Baton Rouge,*

*Anderson - Dunham Inc.,*

*Produces*

# “REDDY-MIXED” CONCRETE PIPE

June, 1960

UNLESS you're in the cement business, you probably cruise smoothly along our modern network of highways and farm-to-market roads without a thought as to what's under your wheels except the roadbed.

## Concrete Pipe Smoothens Ride

A cement manufacturer will tell you that what's under the roadbed contributes as much to your smooth ride as the concrete you're rolling on. He'd be referring to the concrete pipes used by highway engineers to span ditches and small streams which cross the highways.

## Must Pass Exacting Tests

Not just any concrete pipe will meet the rigid state and federal qualifications required for use in highway projects. These cement tubes must pass exacting tests. Obviously, the way pipe is manufactured is all-important, which leads us to Anderson-Dunham Inc., of Baton Rouge, one of many concrete plants located in our Company's service area. At Anderson-Dunham's modern plant electricity is utilized in every phase of the concrete pipe manufacturing process.

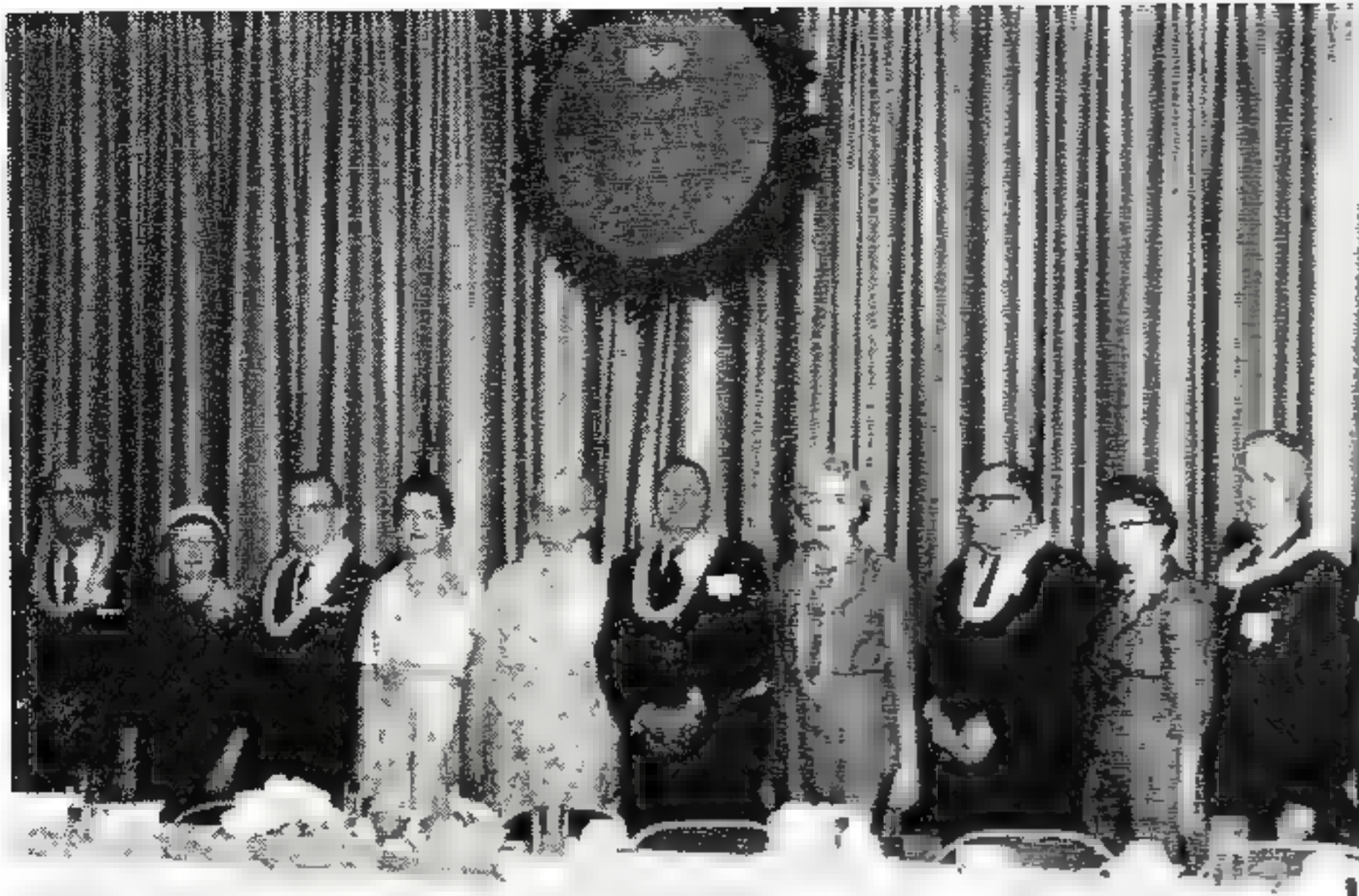
Electric motors provide the power for mixing the sand, gravel, and cement. Electrically-powered 12-inch belts convey concrete to the machine hopper where it is poured into pipe forms. The form is tapped and vibrated to eliminate voids and the filled form is wheeled into a curing shed. Here the form is removed, and the pipe is sprayed with water to help the concrete "set" more firmly. The pipe is kept moist in the curing shed from three to four days before it is stored outside where it is exposed to the elements. The finished concrete pipe may range from four inches to six feet in diameter, and from four to eight feet in length.

And that's not all, even the sturdy rubber gaskets, used to seal the concrete pipe, are electrically vulcanized in a matter of seconds as Reddy Kilowatt speeds up the operation and produces a better vulcanizing job through a more even flow of constantly controlled heat.

You don't have to take a trip half-way around the world to see rice paddies, since all the rice eaten in the United States is grown here. Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi are big rice states.



# SERVICE



**BEAUMONT 40-YEAR CLUB.** Lawrence Lacour, Production, and Mrs. Lacour; R. W. Haynes, Production, and Mrs. Haynes; Mrs. T. H. Lindsey, Mr. Lindsey, Distribution; Mrs. J. H. Linnehan, Mr. Linnehan, Treasury; Mrs. C. R. Nantz, Mr. Nantz, Distribution, Orange.

**F**ORTY years ago . . . the first Great War had ended and "the Johnnies came marching home" . . . some of them to join the electric utility industry.

Some long-time Gulf Staters who last month were honored for forty years service remember those days—and wonder how they made it.

As T. H. "Snooks" Lindsey, Beaumont Distribution Department, recalls,

"When I started to work for our Company's predecessor, Eastern Texas Electric, I was helper on a crew that consisted of two linemen, two "grunts", a straw boss, two mules and a wagon. The first job I recall working on was extending the Com-



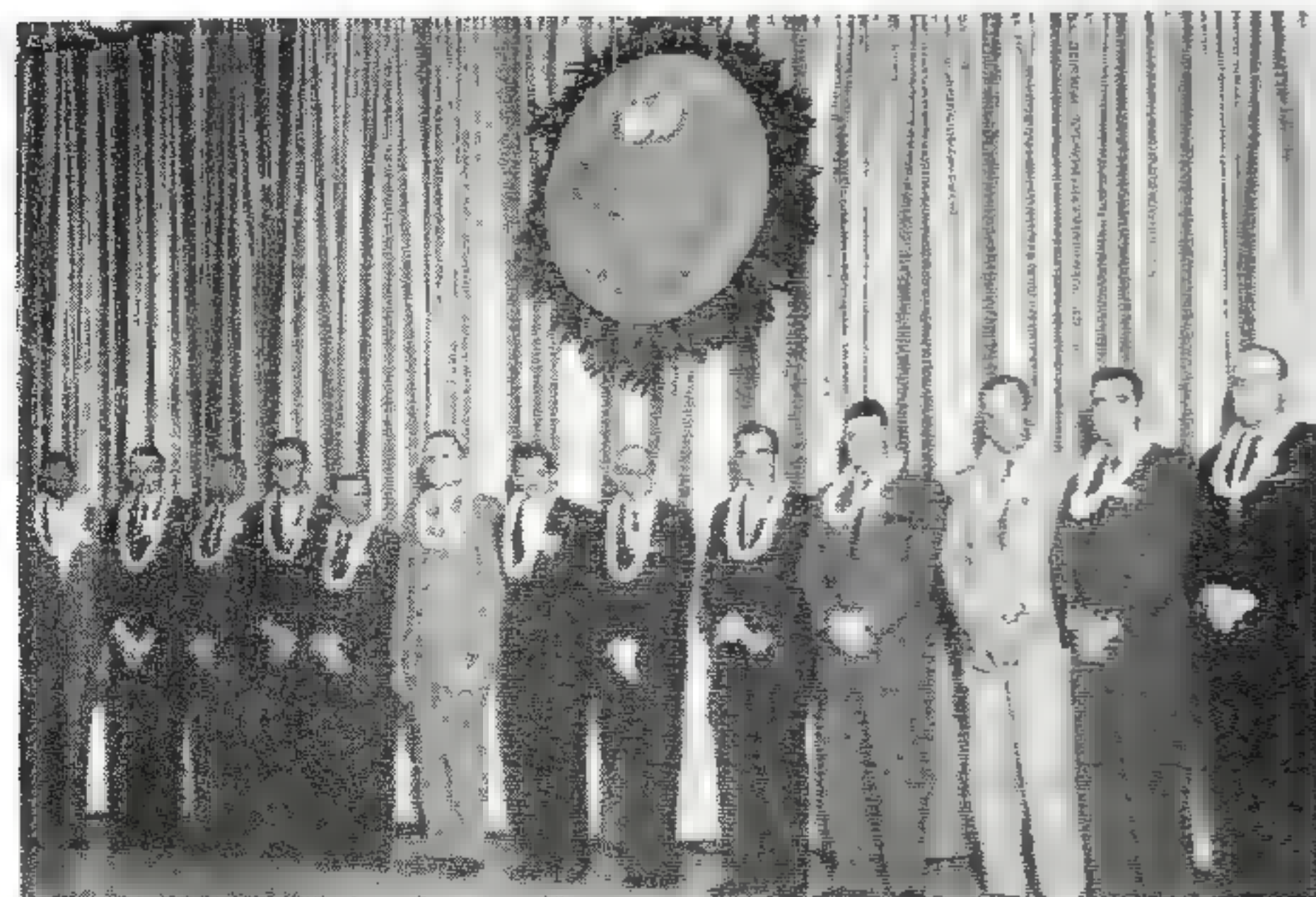
**BEAUMONT 30-YEAR CLUB.** Sherman West, Distribution, I. L. Teal, Otis Parker, Production, J. W. McMinn, Jr., Distribution, W. R. Metzke, Distribution, W. R. House, Sales Supervisor, Orange, Gladys W. Hammond, executive secretary, Imogene L. Davis, executive secretary, June B. Carlisle, executive secretary, and Cleburn Bean, Engineering.



**BEAUMONT 20-YEAR CLUB.** A. H. Shirley, Distribution, C. A. McGee, Production, H. J. Sutton, Engineering, H. R. Leicht, Jr., Engineering, C. P. Jordan, Jr., Distribution, Frances L. Fuchs, Sales, H. G. Zahn, Jr., Production, Arlyn Swonger, Treasury, P. L. Davis, Distribution, Thelma H. Carson, Sales, Doris Campbell, Treasury, and P. M. Anawatty, Distribution.

**BEAUMONT 10-YEAR CLUB.** J. A. Hawkins, Engineering, L. C. Guthrie, Jr., Engineering, J. E. Follmer, Engineering, J. E. Gammage, Production, G. O. Dean, Building Services, M. B. Clark, Production, O. K. Cassidy, Engineering, J. C. Carter, Distribution, L. J. Bodeman, Sales, J. B. Bishop, Jr., Sales, L. D. Bell, Distribution, O. K. Baxley, Jr., Sales, and E. A. Baumgartner, Engineering, (second picture) R. P.

Thompson, Distribution, J. B. Wheeler, Production, B. L. Toups, Distribution, R. J. Summers, Distribution, A. D. Sprawls, Sales, M. E. Sandefer, Production, J. R. Peckham, Jr., Distribution, G. W. Miller, Engineering, J. H. McClelland, Jr., Sales, W. B. Linnehan, Production, R. A. Landry, Jr., Sales, and M. J. Johnson, Sales, Orange.



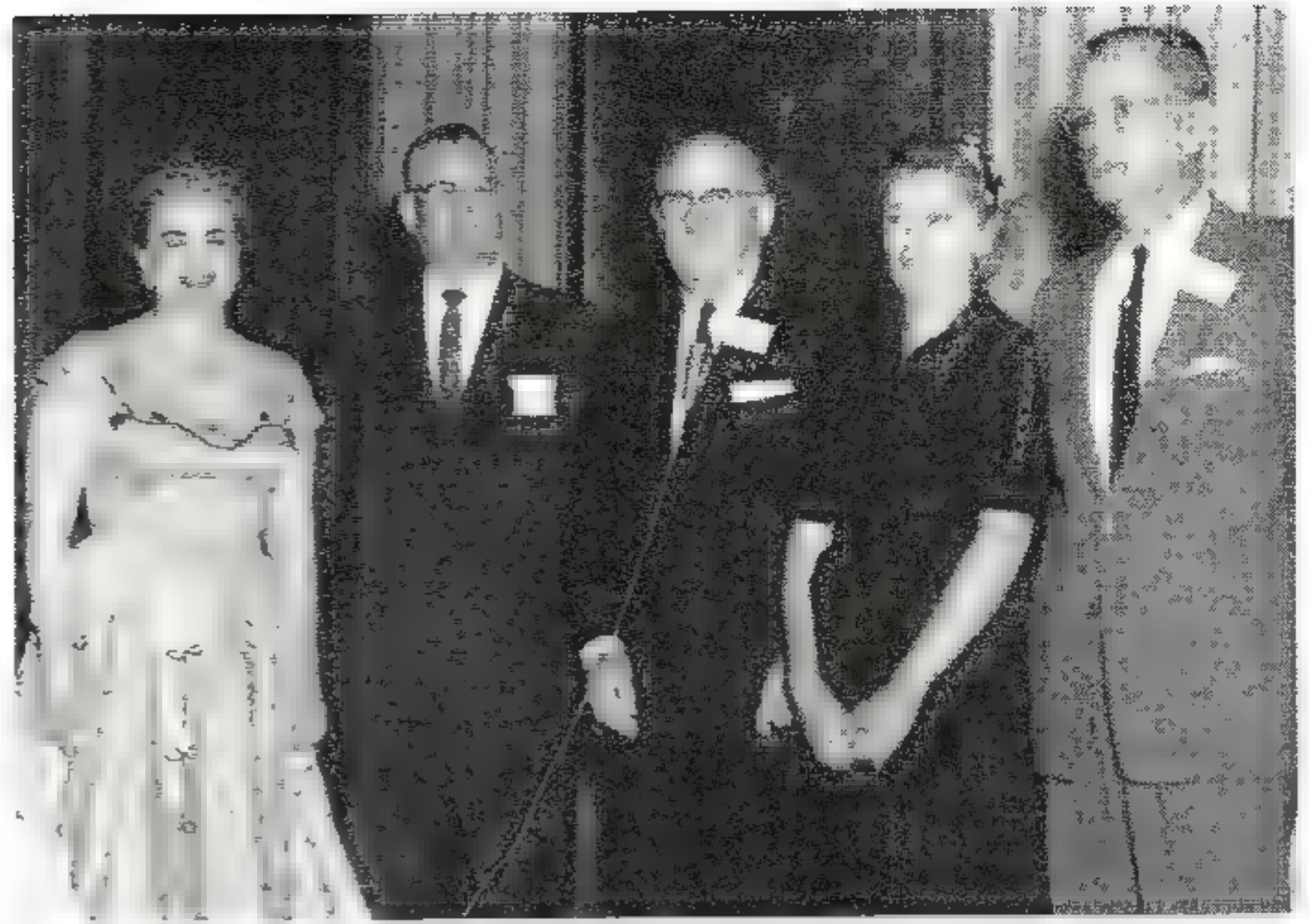


# AWARDS

pany's lines out Franklin Street to serve house number 2020. That was something in those days, our service going that far out, but just look at the area we serve in the immediate Beaumont vicinity now!

"The most disgusting thing we had to contend with in those days was poor transportation. It took us all day to go to Spindletop, set two poles, and install transformers and wire on them. Our pole trailer consisted of a set of wagon wheels with a coupling tongue which was tied to the back of our service wagon. All of which presents quite a contrast to the modern equipment used today."

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**BATON ROUGE 40-YEAR CLUB.** Mrs. Sam Mixon, Sam Mixon, Production, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. A. G. Delaroderie, A. G. Delaroderie, Distribution.



**BATON ROUGE 30-YEAR CLUB.** (First row) C. J. Braud, Distribution, C. A. Ibach, Production; (second row) S. J. Bergeron, Gas, Mr. Nelson, J. L. Brown, Production, Howard Chaney, Production, F. G. Krumholt, Production.



**BATON ROUGE 20-YEAR CLUB.** L. G. Sanchez, Gas, Dewey Raborn, Production, J. R. Fuller, Legal, E. E. Julian, Distribution.

**BATON ROUGE 10-YEAR CLUB.** (Left picture, first row) J. A. Stelly, Sales, V. C. Young, Distribution, F. D. McCartney, Distribution, J. B. LeBlanc, Treasury; (second row) V. J. Pizzuto, Gas, J. S. Himel, Production, Mr. Nelson, G. R. Reid, Jr., Production, Z. B. Jackson, Distribution. (Right picture, first row) Geraldine L. Cabaniss, Treasury,

Shirley K. Bolton, Treasury, Letha M. Austin, Distribution, J. C. Amedee, Jr., Production; (second row) R. W. Butler, Distribution, Mr. Nelson, A. D. Aucoin, Jr., Distribution, Clinton, J. R. Bonaventure, Gas, R. A. Giroir, Production, C. P. Gautreaux, Distribution, Gonzales, F. D. Eubanks, Jr., Distribution, Port Allen, C. T. Hebert, II, Distribution.







**PORT ARTHUR 40-YEAR CLUB.** Mrs. A. D. McMillian, A. D. McMillian, Distribution, Mrs. C. E. McMillian, C. E. McMillian, Distribution, Mrs. R. D. McMillian, R. D. McMillian, Distribution.



**PORT ARTHUR 30-YEAR CLUB.** W. M. Ingwerson, Sales, Nederland, and Mrs. Ingwerson; S. J. Hebert, Sales, Port Arthur, and Mrs. Hebert.

And R. W. "Bob" Haynes, Neches Station, Beaumont, added:

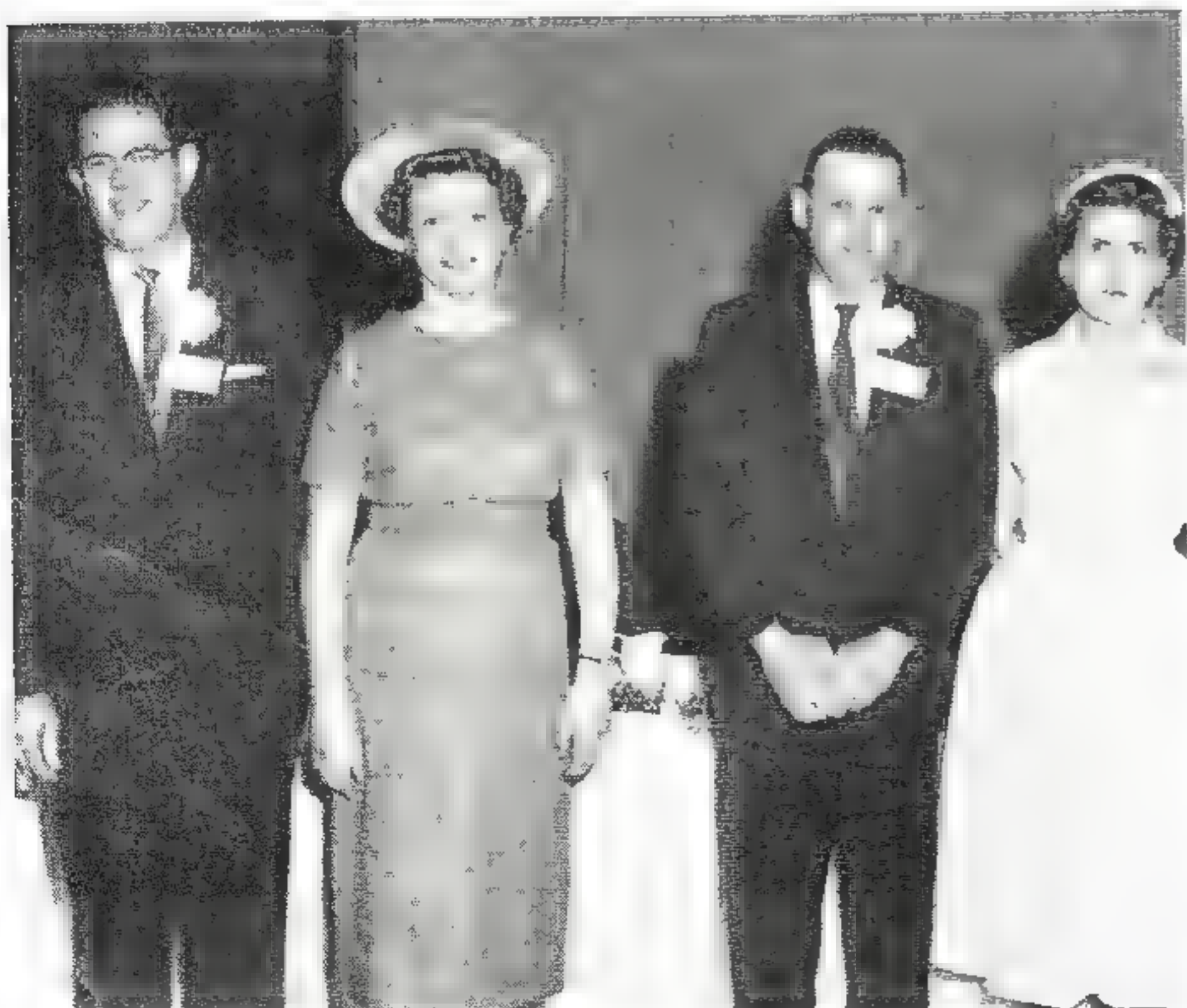
"Back in 1919 when I came to Eastern Texas Electric Company, the generating plant located on Tevis Street had a capability of 3,200 kilowatts, with one 2,000 kilowatt unit and two 600 kilowatt units. My first job was as a stencil cutter and I printed the light bills. I held several office jobs and became a ticket agent on the interurban street car system. But I always wanted to work at the power plant. Finally I got on there as an oiler."

A. D. "Happy" McMillian, of the Port Arthur Distribution Department, remembers the equipment.

"I started to work as a mule skinner. There

were no trucks or other modern equipment such as we have today. We hauled our material and equipment with mules and wagons. In those days there was only one hi-line into Port Arthur from Beaumont since Port Arthur had its own generating plant with a capability of 8,000 kilowatts. There were only a few light distribution lines in the city and most of the work was handled by six or seven men. The city limits were considerably smaller than they are today, extending from Lakeshore Drive to 12th Street in one direction and to 19th Street in another direction. Most of our customers were residences and there were only a few large consumers of electricity in the entire city. How time has changed us!"

**PORT ARTHUR 20-YEAR CLUB.** V. V. McGee, Distribution, Mrs. McGee, C. H. Beaumont, Distribution, and Mrs. Beaumont.



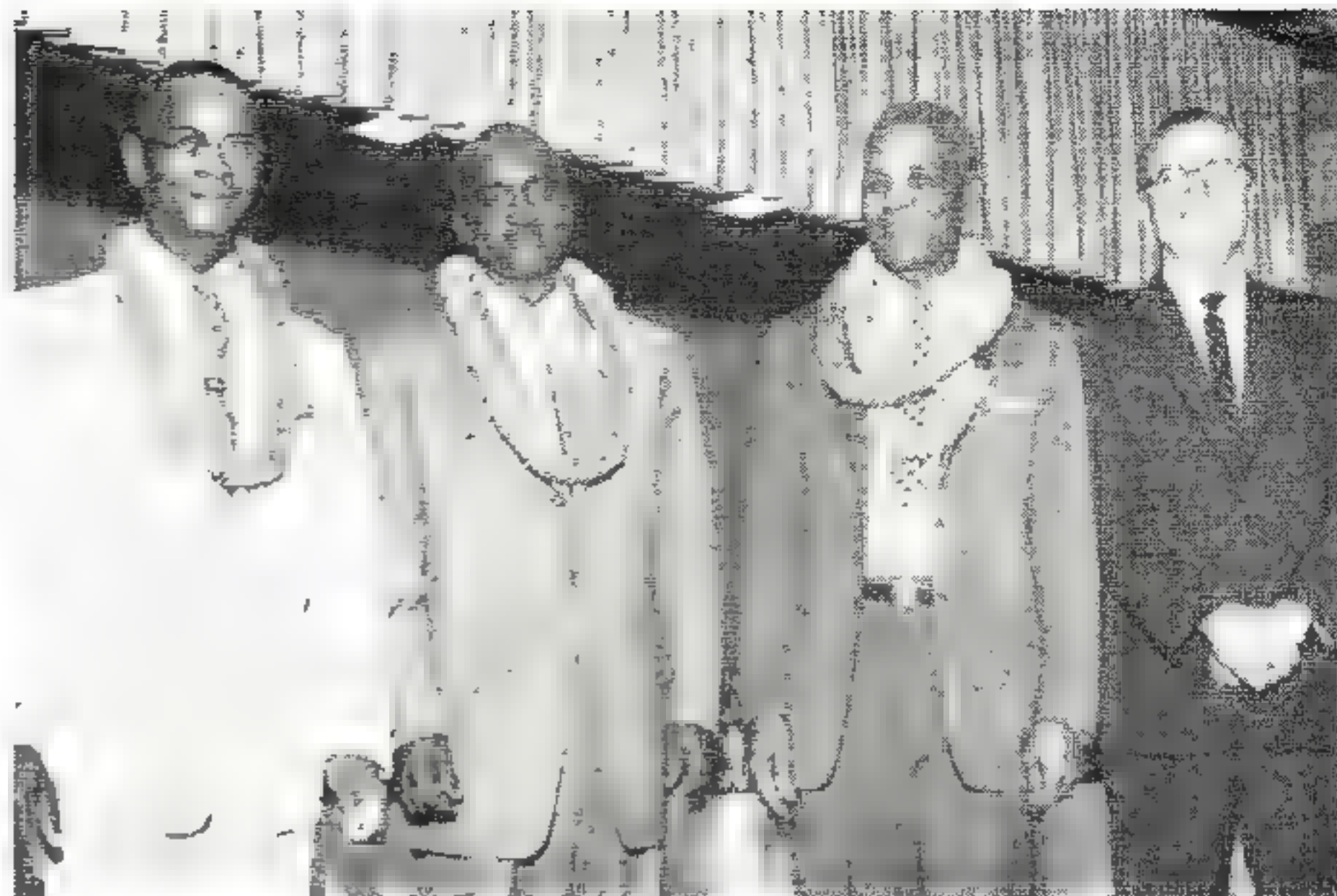
**PORT ARTHUR 10-YEAR.** Gordon W. Vaught, Rosemary Vaught, executive secretary, Mr. Nelson, J. W. Dunham, Distribution, L. P. Allen, Distribution, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. L. D. Bean, and L. D. Bean, Distribution.





**PHOTOS OF NAVASOTA, LAKE CHARLES  
SERVICE MEETINGS ARE NOT AVAILABLE**

Circumstances beyond our control prevented "Plain Talks" from obtaining photographs of the Navasota and Lake Charles Divisions' Service Award meetings.



**30-YEAR CLUB.** F. D. Grogan, Distribution, Beaumont, Arthur Green, Production, Beaumont, P. W. DeBlanc, Sr., Treasury, Port Arthur, J. W. Atkins, operations supervisor, Beaumont, presided at meeting.

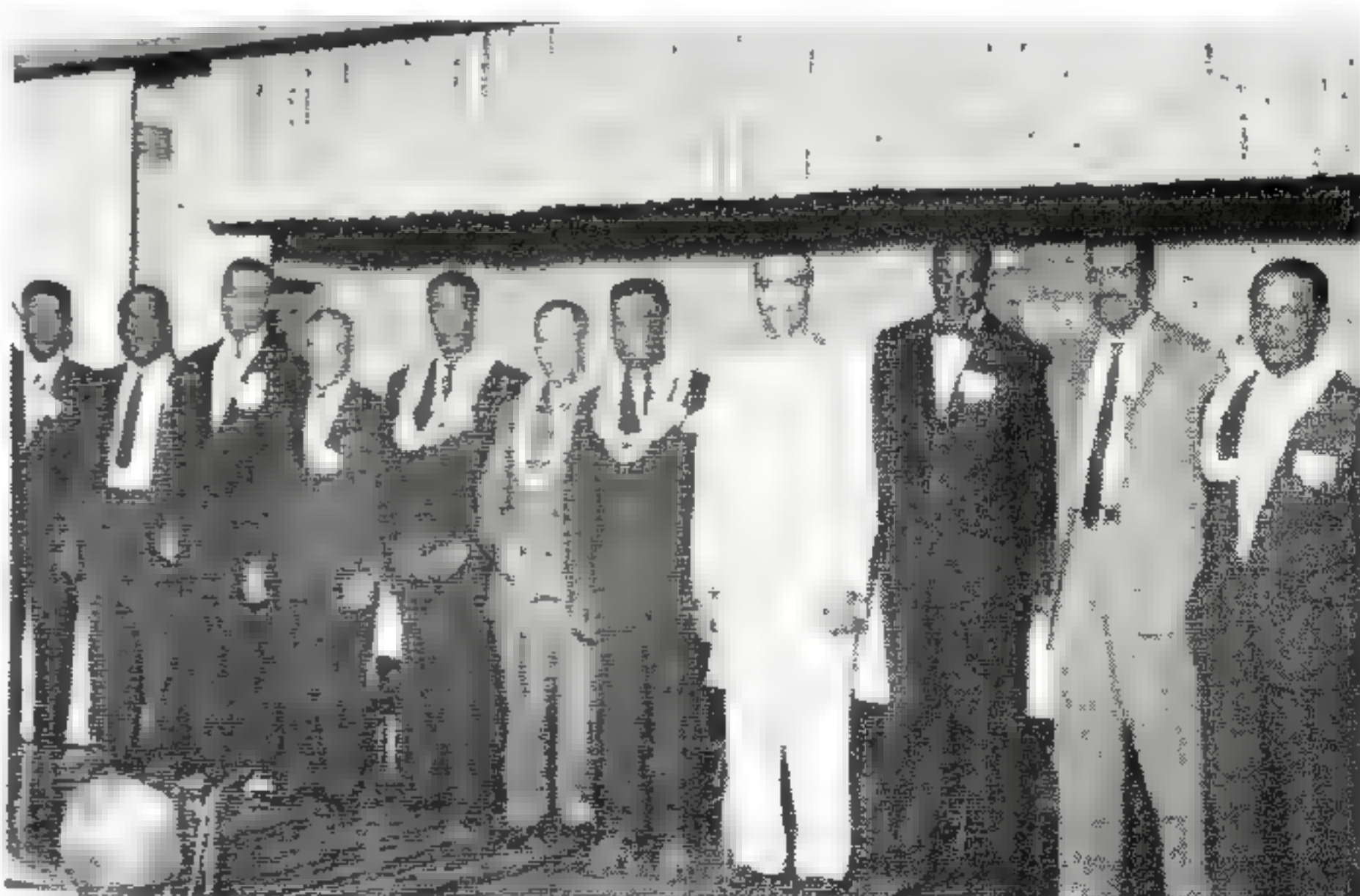


**30-YEAR CLUB.** Marshall Wall, Production, Baton Rouge, and H. E. Brown.



**20-YEAR CLUB.** Joseph Lopez, Treasury, Beaumont, and Fred Keel, Treasury, Navasota.

**10-YEAR CLUB.** In Baton Rouge, Johnnie Penn, Gas, Wilbert Lamerson, Production, Nelson Alexander, Jr., Production, Willie C. Carrey, Gas, Joseph Emery, Gas, George Emery, Treasury.



**10-YEAR CLUB.** Amos Stafford, Distribution, Navasota; Clarence Lefedge, Production, Beaumont; J. H. Rhone, Distribution, Beaumont; Whitney Migue, Distribution, Beaumont; James Lee, Distribution, Jennings; Peter LeBlanc, Treasury, Lake Charles; Leel Hall, Jr., Treasury, Navasota; John Jackson, Production, Beaumont; Mat Edwards, Distribution, Beaumont; Gilbert Broussard, Jr., Distribution, Lafayette; and J. H. Thomas, Distribution, Beaumont.



# Service Restored In Jig Time

. . . as Training Pays Off

AT 9:28 a.m., Monday, May 28, the lights at the Beaumont Service Center flickered—it was a danger signal. At 9:29, the alarm from the North End Substation rang in the control room. Real trouble. Service and Line Department crews rushed to the substation and found one of the regulators on fire. Burning oil spewed from inside the station.

At 9:36, all feeder breakers at the substation were opened. Service to approximately 1,000 customers was temporarily interrupted, while firemen sprayed water on the burning station.

After the fire was out, service personnel checked to see what had started it. Apparently, an underground feeder had faulted, causing excessive current to rupture a conduit and burn up the 3-phase regulator. Internal arcing in the regulator started the oil fire.

Well-trained service and line crews, working speedily and safely, bypassed the dead substation and tied in lines from other substations. Within 40 minutes after the fire was out, service was restored to half of the customers. Within an hour, service was restored to all of the customers.

As emergencies go, it was not on a par with the

trouble that results from a hurricane or ice storm. But the speedy repairs emphasize that Gulf Staters are always ready to restore service as fast as is humanly possible.



AFTER THE FIRE. Floyd Smith, Beaumont operating superintendent, checks damage at the substation. Regulator that burned is at left. Oil flames scorched front of the brick building also. Linemen in background are connecting lines by pole-top feeder ties.

## Gas Meter Department Develops "Paint O Rama"

**NEEDED:** A method to speed up the re-painting of used gas meters..

**Former time required:** Eight hours for one man to paint a single coat on 75 meters.

This problem confronted Bill Humphries, foreman in the Baton Rouge Gas Department. To solve it, he took an idea from a revolving clothes line, and "imagineered" a device out of an automobile hub and spare pieces of pipe.

Using two of these revolving meter racks—each of which holds 18 meters—a workman can now spray-paint *two* coats on over 400 meters in eight hours—an increase in efficiency of over 1,000 per cent. Another case where imaginative thinking and designing paid off by improving an old process.

ASSEMBLY LINE PAINTING. Thermon Varnado sprays gas-meters revolving on rotating racks in the Gas Service Center.





# Be A Ready Adapter

By William B. Terhune, M. D.

**A**DAPTATION is fitting into things as they are—not as you think they should be, or as you had fooled yourself into thinking they were, but fitting into things as they are and then seeing what you can do about it.

When it is called for, decide that you can fit into any situation, adjust to any person, live in any part of the world, under any circumstances. You may not want to do certain of these things, but that is of little importance if they be in the path of your objective. When you have made up your mind that you can get along anywhere, under any conditions, you will enjoy using the correct techniques, take pride in being able to adjust immediately, skillfully, and gracefully.

To become a good adapter: first, realize that personal adaptation is an absolute necessity; second, decide that it will be your way of life, and then

proceed to train yourself in the art of adapting. Accept people you live with; stop trying to change and improve them; attempt to understand them and anticipate their actions. Adapt to those you work with, understand them, see what they are trying to do. Adjust to the weather, hot or cold, rain or shine; do not let it interfere with your plans, but merely change your way of carrying out your plans.

Associate with people in all strata of life, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, good and bad, cultivated and uncultivated. Take pride in your ability to get along with all kinds of people, under all sorts of conditions, in any place in the world.

For most people adaptation is an art, the value of which must first be recognized; then years of self-training are spent in perfecting it.



## THRIFT PLAN INVESTMENTS

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities Company stock made by the Trustee during May covering employee deductions and Company contributions through April were as follows:

Type of Stock	No. of Shares	Total Cost	Average Cost per Share
Common	1430	\$48,812.82	\$34.134839
\$4.40 Preferred	191	16,943.58	88.7098429

The Trustee deposited \$25,501.00 with the Savings Department of The First National Bank.

June, 1960

## BIBLE - BREAK

a monthly column



by Ruby Lee Adams

**W**ORDS are God's gift to man. The greatest book in existence is the Bible, which holds from cover to cover the word of God. In John's Gospel, Jesus Christ is called 'the word.' Words are important medium for imparting the content of our Christian faith. When we abuse words in discussing our faith, by using them without sincerity, our discussion becomes 'mere-words'—words robbed of their meaning.

If words should ever become scarce and we should be placed on word rations, how many would we require for ordinary every day use? Which would we need most?

Most of us know certain words when we see them in reading, but have only a casual acquaintance with them, and would not feel free to call on them in expressing an idea. But suppose we had to get along for a few days without the word 'the', or 'and', or 'it'. Then we should find ourselves in a trying situation.

'The' is used most often almost twice as much as the word 'and', which is second in order of frequency. These two words furnish nearly ten per cent of all the words we write. The word 'and' occurs most often in the Bible. In the King James Version, it appears 46,227 times. Of words of importance, Jehovah or Lord occurs most often, appearing 6,855 times.

There are a great many words which occur only once in the Bible. Perhaps the most important word occurring but once is 'eternity', Isaiah 57:15. It is said that the Bible supplies one-half the names of civilized man, and that there are about five feminine names to ninety-five names for men.

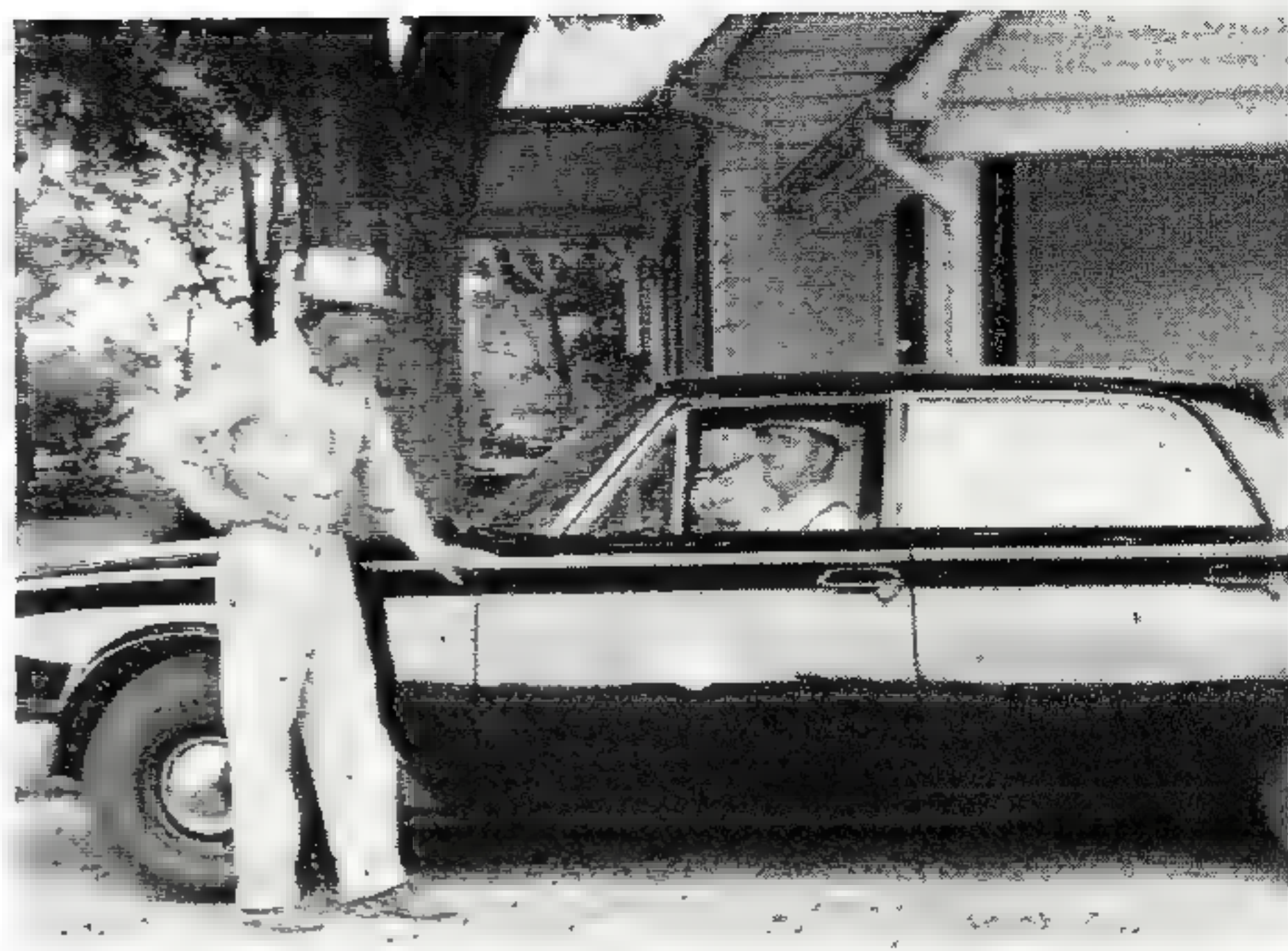
"It's ten o'clock, Harvey! Better plug in the electric blankets and warm up their coats."







Ewell Bickham, dairy farmer near Jackson, Louisiana, uses an 80 gallon quick-recovery electric water heater to provide an adequate supply of hot water for cleaning his milking equipment.



Mr. Bickham chats with Tullie Brady, Gulf States' local superintendent at Clinton, Louisiana, who had stopped by to discuss line construction in the area near the Bickham's dairy farm.

### *Louisiana Dairyman Recalls*

## Pre-Kilowatt Days on the Farm

**JUNE** - traditional month of brides, grads and dad's - brings back fond memories to many. But June is also National Dairy Month, and to some of our pioneer dairy customers, the memories of how it used to be without electricity aren't exactly fond ones.

Ewell Bickham, long-time dairyman of Louisiana's East Feliciana Parish near Jackson, can describe how it was in the good old, pre-kilowatt dairying days back in the late 1920's.

Mr. Bickham, owner and operator of Roanoke Ranch, is typical of many dairy farmers in our Company's service area. He started his dairy in 1928 with 30 Guernsey cows and 500 acres. Today, he and his son, Ewell Jr., have over 60 cows in production and have extended their ranch to include approximately 2,000 acres.

The Bickham's, among the first in the Jackson area to receive electric service, were first served by our pre-

decessor in the area, the Baton Rouge Electric Company. BRECO extended its lines into the Jackson area in 1935.

"Before we had electricity, our dairy and home were pretty primitive," Mr. Bickham said. "But I can still remember what a difference it made to have electric lights. The old method of lighting our barn with kerosene lamps couldn't compare with the electric lighting system we now use. Nothing was more aggravating than stumbling around in that poorly-lighted barn trying to milk those cows.

### **GSU Brought Power to Area**

"After Gulf States brought electricity to our rural area, we were able to modernize our way of life considerably. In addition to the conveniences electricity provided us in the home, it became one of our most dependable and productive on-the-farm workers. Electricity made possible equipment that took over one of our biggest chores - pumping water. Previously

water was pumped by a gasoline engine which sometimes started and sometimes didn't.

"In our barn, electricity operates our milking machines, makes possible the use of improved refrigeration facilities for cooling and storing our milk until it is picked up by the processor, and powers fans for cooling our cows while they are in the barn. Cows that are kept cool and comfortable are more productive and easier to handle during milking time. Reddy Kilowatt also made possible the use of air compressors and numerous other tools we use daily on our ranch.

"No sir," Mr. Bickham summarized, "there's just no comparison to the way we operate our dairy today and the way we had to run it before we had dependable electric service working for us."





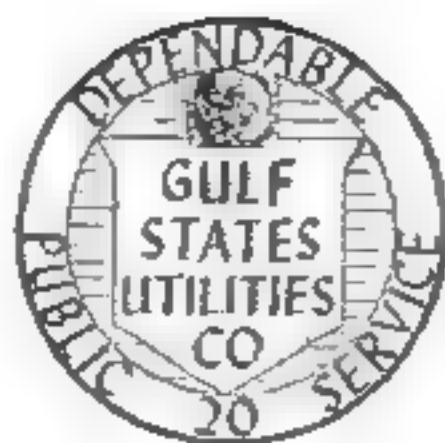
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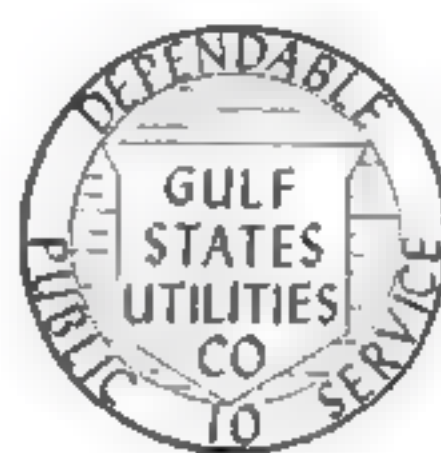
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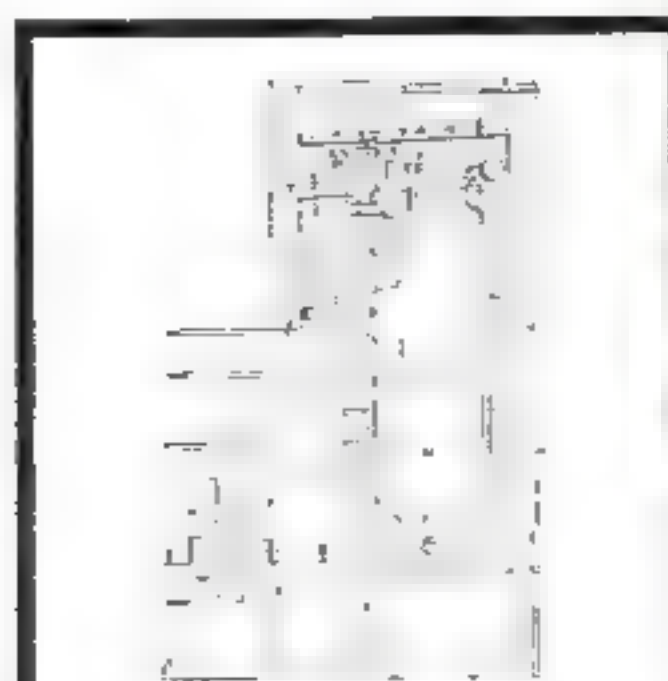
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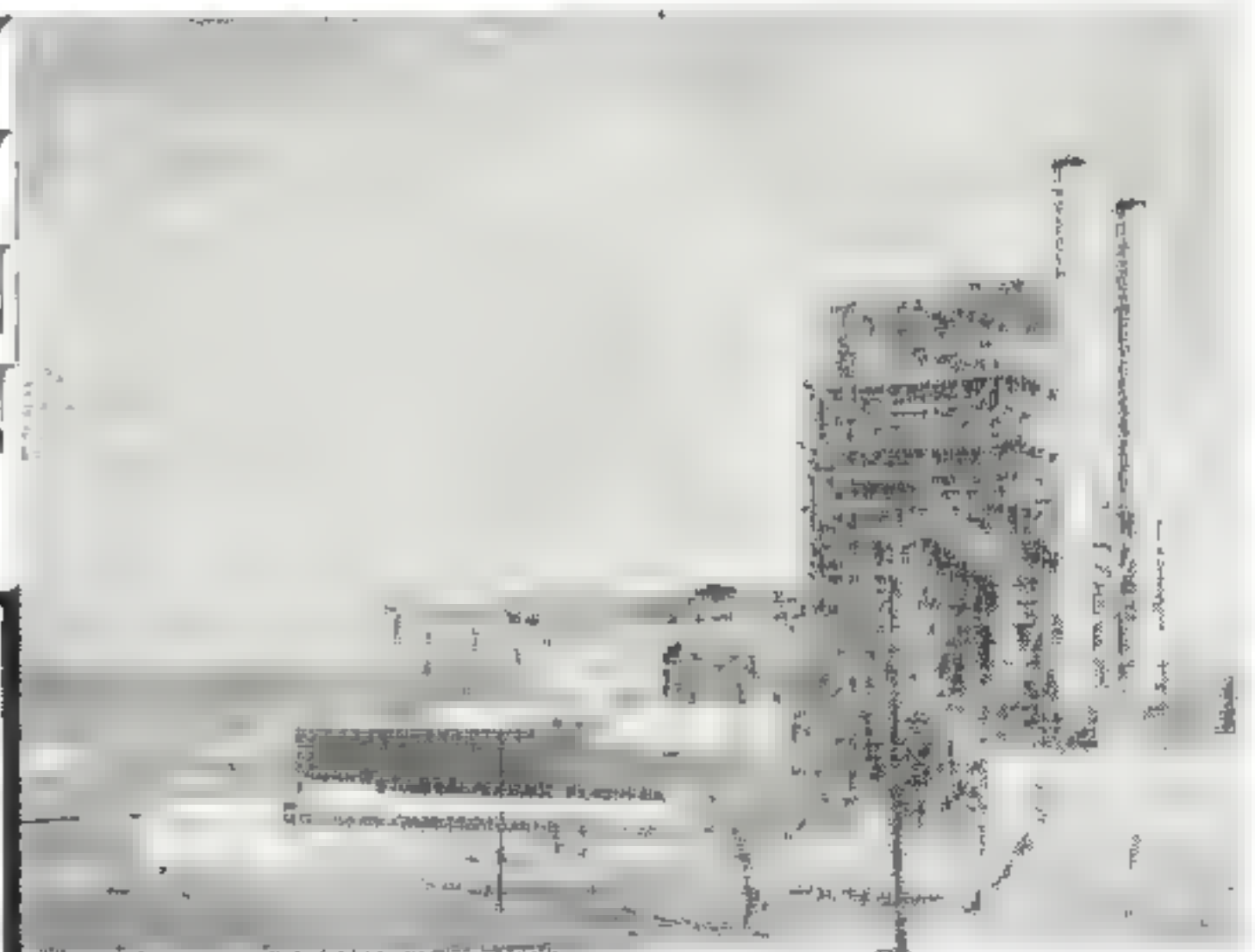
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*Goes into Service*

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**WILLOW GLEN**

**WILLOW GLEN IN AD.** Combustion Engineering featured our newest power station, Willow Glen Station at Baton Rouge, in their ad which



Recently, a need in the area for the Gulf States  
Lumber Company was first \$ 0.00 kw and  
in the new West of the station. The station  
located at a fast growing area in the  
and a 40 ft. section in the Red  
Louisiana on the west side of the  
River at St. Charles, Ascension Parish.

A second unit of 27,000 kw is scheduled to go into service this year. The 1987-88 power generation at the 15 new PPA sites will eventually exceed 1,000 kw.

The 1:100,000 road map was obtained from the Ministry of Transport.

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appeared in issues of ELECTRICAL WORLD, PUBLIC UTILITIES FORTNIGHTLY and ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER magazines during April and May.



# Area Student Awarded TAERF Fellowship

ONE of the first summer research fellowships in atomic energy to be given by Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation was presented last month to Eddie Reyna, a native of Huntsville, Texas. Four fellowships will be awarded each summer to graduate students of Texas colleges and universities.

Our Company is one of the 11 investor-owned electric utilities operating in Texas which comprise the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation. Roy S. Nelson, chairman of the board and president of the Company, is vice-president and a director of the TAERF.

Mr. Reyna, who is 29, is a graduate of Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville and is at the present time a research student in the physics department at Texas A&M College, where he is working toward a Ph.D. in physics. He obtained his master of science degree from A&M in 1959.

He is currently doing research on high temperature gases from vacuum arcs or ion beam sources and their influence on magnetic fields. He graduated from Huntsville High School in 1947 and from Sam Houston State in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree.

The other three recipients of the fellowships are Jack V. Walker, also of Texas A&M, Charles E. Ramer of the University of Houston, and Fred Fehsenfeld of the University of Texas.

The four students work in San Diego, California, where General Atomic scientists direct their work on the Foundation's project on controlled nuclear fussion, a long range research program to find an economical method of producing electricity from the atom. The program is jointly sponsored by TAERF and General Atomic, and experiments have been conducted for over two years in the new John Jay Hopkins Laboratory for Pure and Applied Science at San Diego.



Mr. Reyna



Promotions for the month of April were:

NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION
Aubrey Wright	Beaumont	Janitor—Bldg Servs
Charles E. Martin	"	Relayman 2/C—Eng
Jack A. Hawkins	"	Relayman 1/C—Eng
Roy C. Cash	"	Sr Eng Asst—Eng
Kent R. Kirk	"	Lineman 4/C
Oscar C. Thompson	"	S/Sta Mechanic 4/C
James L. Bruce	Baton Rouge	Contr Oprns Foremn—W/G
John A. Kleinpeter	"	Servman 1/C—Gas
Charles E. Coleman	"	Lineman 3/C
Roland J. Braud	"	Lineman 2/C
Clifford A. Toups	"	Lineman 2/C
Bobbie H. Schenk	"	S/Sta Mechanic 3/C
Preston E. Whitehead	"	S/Sta Mechanic 1/C
Henry O. Toups	"	S/Sta Mechanic 1/C
Theodore R. Laurent	"	Commun Servmn 3/C T&D
Kenneth C. Howell	Lake Charles	Lineman 4/C
Joseph B. Guillet	"	Lineman 2/C
Weston P. Bertrand	"	Lineman 2/C
William E. Hogan	"	S/Sta Mechanic 4/C
Joseph Roy James	"	Laborer—Storeroom
Irma L. Hargroder	Jennings	Home Service Advisor
John J. Arabie	Lafayette	Lineman 4/C

## E. R. Kent Retires July 1

EDGAR R. KENT, foreman, Gas Department, Baton Rouge, will retire July 1 after 24 years service with our Company.

Mr. Kent came to work in April, 1936, as a helper in the Gas Department. In May, 1937, he was promoted to foreman. His entire length of service has been in Baton Rouge.

A native of Pride, Louisiana, Mr.

Kent received his education in the Pride public schools. Prior to coming to work for the Company, he worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers in New Orleans and for a Baton Rouge metal company.



Mr. Kent

## I. D. Noble Retires At Louisiana Station

IRA D. NOBLE, gateman at Louisiana Station, retired June 1 after 20 years of service with our Company.

A native of Pride, Louisiana, Mr. Noble began working in June, 1940, as a watchman at Louisiana Station. In 1941, he was made a guard at the station. He was promoted to the position held at his retirement in 1944.



Mr. Noble



# Three Sales Representatives Reassigned In Navasota Division

THE TRANSFER of three residential sales representatives of the Navasota Division Sales Department was announced recently by H. C. Levois, division manager.

Joe A. Bailey was transferred from Madisonville to Huntsville while Billy H. Burke was transferred from Huntsville to Calvert and Virgil F. Foster was transferred from Navasota to Madisonville. Mr. Burke filled the vacancy at Calvert left by the transfer of Edd Mitchell to Cleveland in April.

## JOE A. BAILEY—Huntsville



Mr. Bailey

A native of Jones Prairie, Texas, Mr. Bailey came to work for the Company in 1947 as a customers contact representative in the Calvert office. In 1949 this classification was changed to meter reader. He was promoted

to residential sales representative and transferred to Madisonville in 1954. He was promoted to residential sales representative senior in 1956.

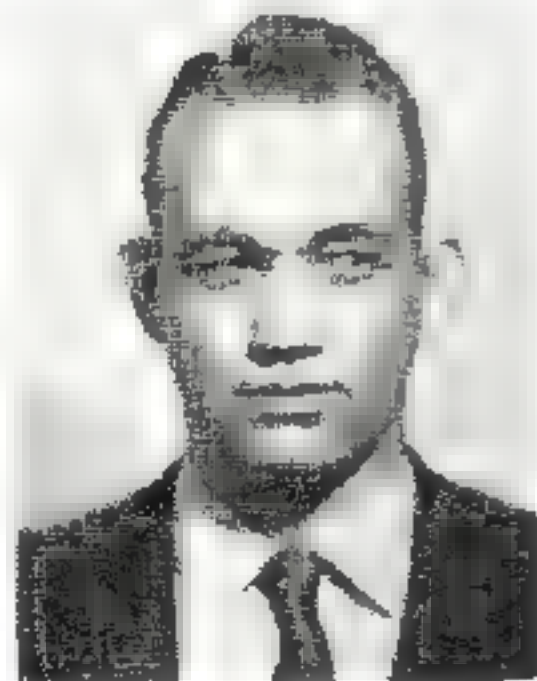
Prior to coming to work for the Company, Mr. Bailey was employed as a clerk in a Calvert grocery. He attended elementary school in Jones Prairie and Calvert and graduated from Calvert High School. He served two years in the United States Navy.

Mr. Bailey will move his wife, Ann, and three children, Jo Ann, 5, Becky Jane, 3, and Jim Anderson, 1, to Huntsville as soon as housing is available.

## BILLY H. BURKE—Calvert

Mr. Burke started working as a sales trainee in the Navasota office in 1952; later that year he was promoted to residential sales representative junior. In 1954 he was transferred to Cleveland and in 1957 he was transferred to Huntsville. He was promoted to residential sales representative senior in 1957.

Born in Madisonville, Texas, Mr.



Mr. Burke

Burke attended public school in Navasota. Following graduation from Navasota High School in 1948 he served in the United States Navy for four years.

Mr. Burke, his wife Joyce, and children, Vickie Darlene, 9, Thomas Doyle, 8, and Robert Arthur, now live at 205 Beach in Calvert.

## VIRGIL F. FOSTER—Madisonville

Coming to work for the Company in 1953, Mr. Foster started as a rod and chain man in the Navasota T&D Department. In 1955, he was promoted to instrument man and later that year he was promoted to engi-



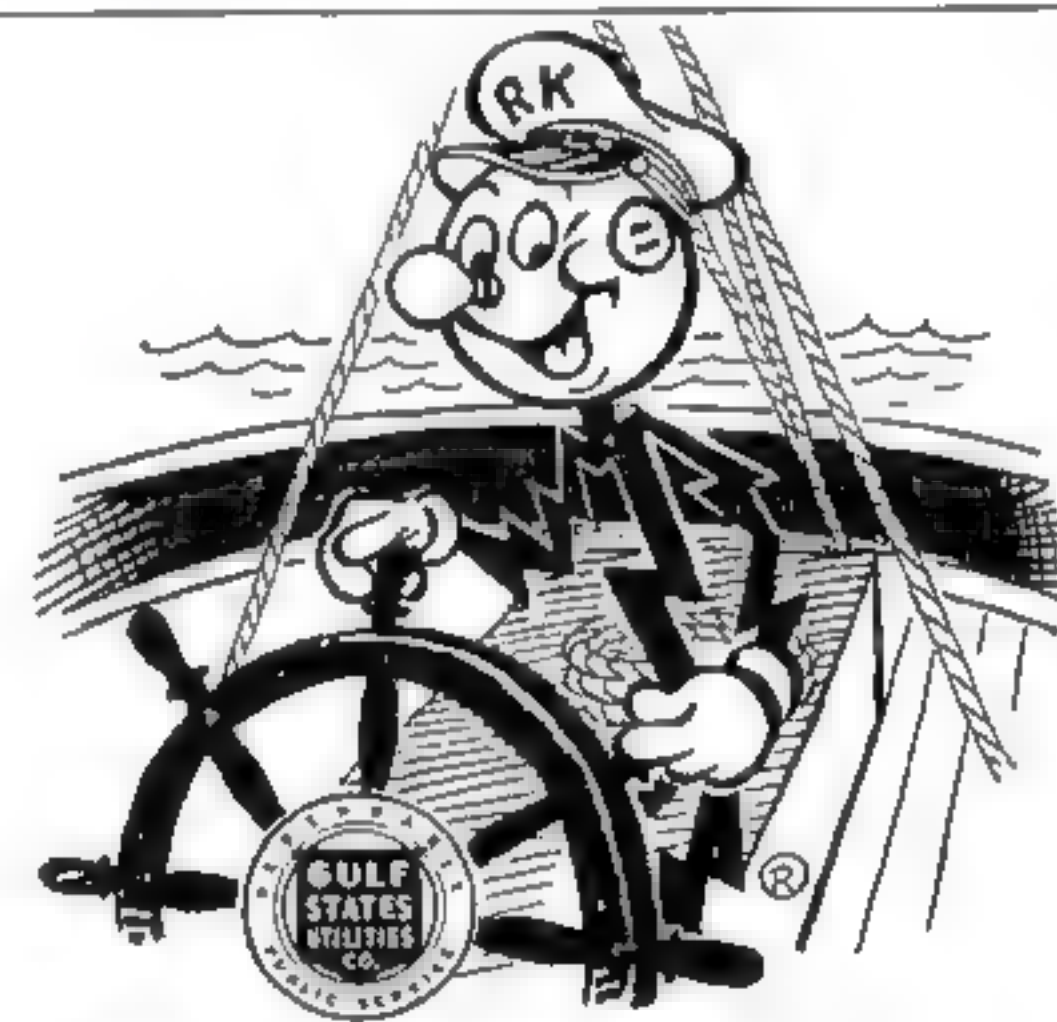
Mr. Foster

neering assistant. He held that position until he was promoted to residential sales representative in April, 1960, and was transferred to the Navasota Division Sales Department.

A native of Houston, Mr. Foster attended public school in Waller, Texas, graduating from Waller High School in 1948. He also attended Blinn Junior College, Brenham, Texas, receiving a Certificate in Business Administration in 1958. Upon graduation from high school he worked as a welder's helper. From 1948 to 1952 he served in the United States Navy. Prior to coming to work for the Company he operated a service station at Hockley, Texas.

Mr. Foster is now living at 203 North Woodrow, Madisonville. He and his wife, Betty Jane, have three children, Linda Sue, 10, Diana Lynn, 5, and Julie Ann, 2.

# Welcome Aboard

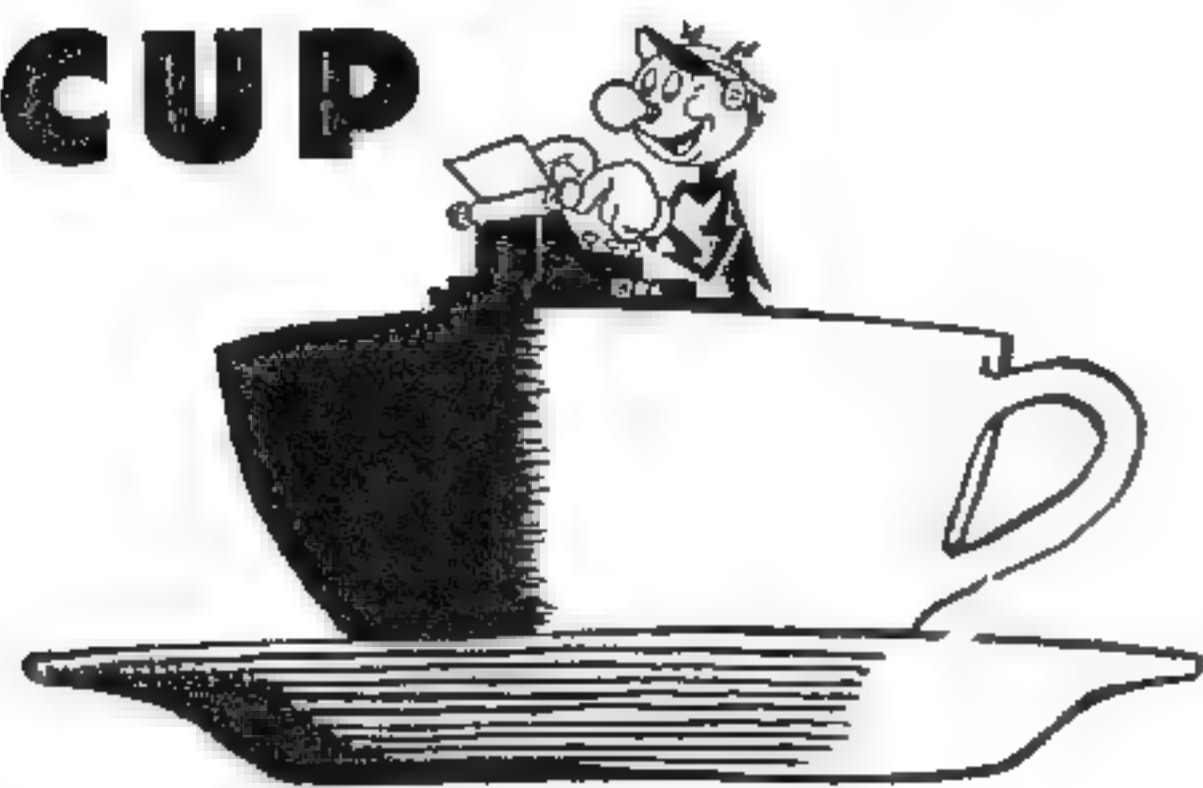


New Employees for the month of April are:

NAME	LOCATION	DEPARTMENT
Morris M. Creel	Beaumont	Production
William C. Reel	"	Distribution
Stella L. Smith	"	Records
Doris S. Moulton	"	Records
Katharine S. Potts	"	Systems & Procedures
Mary L. Woodrom	"	General Accounting
Sylvia T. Padgett	"	General Accounting
Mary H. Romero	"	Customers Accounting
Manning E. Tillery, Jr.	"	Sales
Betty B. Ratley	"	Sales
Henry W. Crouch	"	Personnel
Kenneth E. McCullough	Baton Rouge	Production
Frances E. Conerly	"	Louisiana Station
Norman C. Cockerham	"	T&D
Donald J. Bringol	"	Engineering
Michael V. Chevalier	"	PBX Operator
Rose A. Pry	Navasota	T&D (Eng)
Willie A. Cox	Lafayette	T&D (Eng)
Barbara M. Meaux	"	Customers Accounting
Mary A. Hudspeth	Dayton	Customers Accounting
John H. Simmons	Port Arthur	Customers Accounting



# over the COFFEE CUP



**A**H—it must be real nice to be retired and yet young enough to enjoy that retirement! Such is the case with **A. V. Browning, Sr.**, who retired a couple of years back.

Mr. and Mrs. Browning are back home after six weeks in South America. They toured Venezuela and visited Mr. Browning's sister and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Strain, who make their home in Paramaribo, Surinam (Dutch Guinea). While in Paramaribo they attended the reception given for President Eisenhower. They returned home by way of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

This was the Brownings' third trip south of the border. On previous trips they visited the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica.

Besides taking these South American cruises each summer they also make frequent trips to Kansas to visit one of their daughters and her family. The rest of the time is spent between their



**SOUTH AMERICA VACATION.** Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Browning, Sr., retired serviceman in Baton Rouge, have just returned from a three week vacation to South America.

home here in "BIG BR" and their 'camp' at Claremont Harbor on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

**FISHING VACATION.** **Leslie B. Kent**, assistant general line foreman in Baton Rouge, has returned from a week's vacation. The fish must have really been biting for we were told they spent some 18 hours a day fishing. Also, we understand from Mr. Kent that the 'Missus' is quite a fisherwoman.

—By Virginia Yarbrough

**MAY VACATION.** Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gajeske spent the last two weeks of May vacationing in Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma. They enjoyed boating and fishing while in Arkansas. Mr. Gajeske is purchasing agent in Baton Rouge.

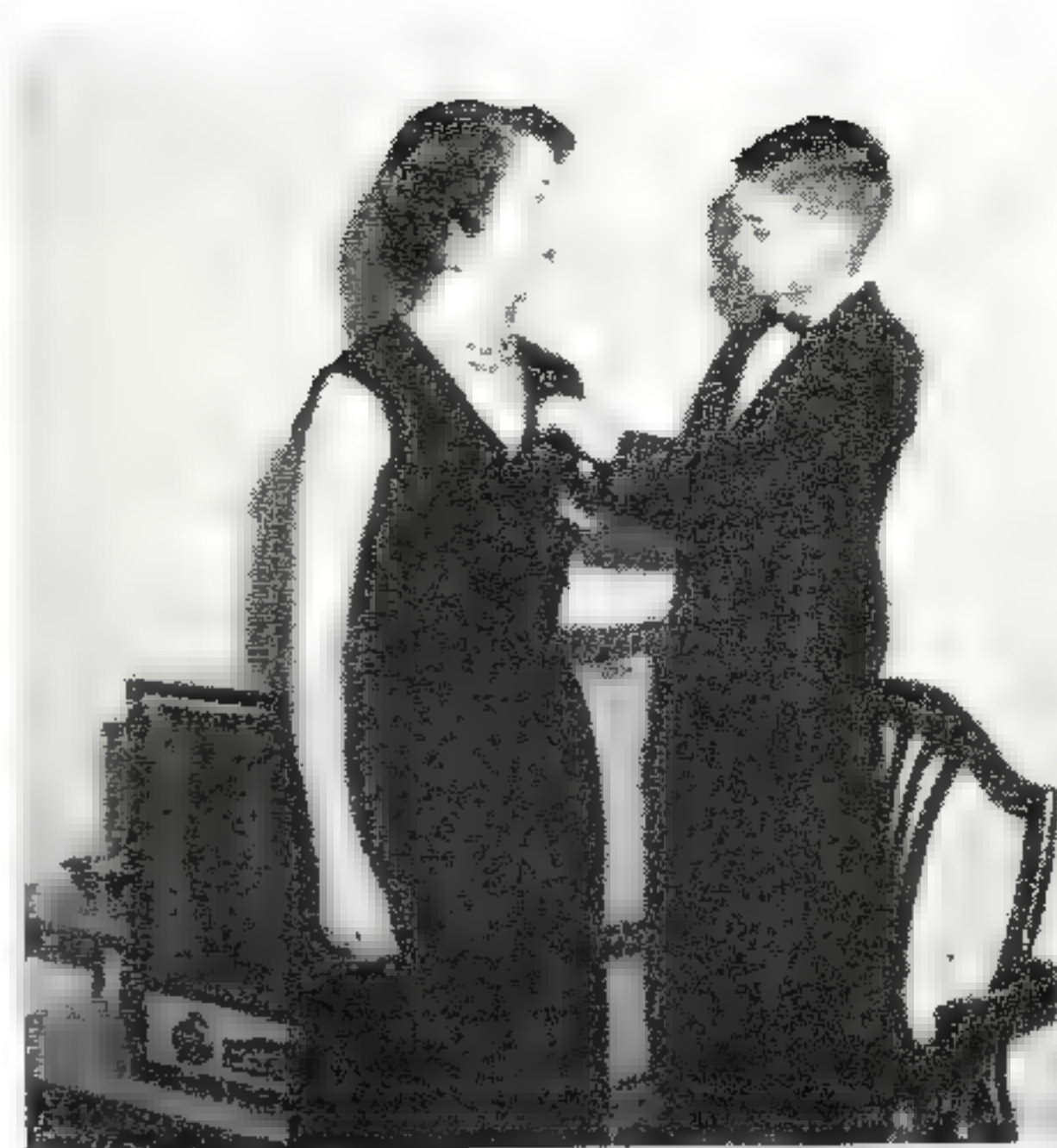
**NEW HOME.** Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilkinson are enjoying their new home at 741 Franklin Street, Baton Rouge. They are both very interested in barbecuing and raising flowers and tomatoes these days. Mr. Wilkinson is supervisor of the Baton Rouge Purchasing Department.

—By Ethel Sharp



**NEW BATON ROUGE EMPLOYEE.** Pat Patterson was employed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Virginia McDonald recently. Pat is secretary to T. P. Comerford, assistant secretary, and T. O. McKnight, safety-claims agent. Pat graduated in January from LSU where she majored in Business Administration.

**FROM DAVIE JONES' LOCKER.** Six Baton Rouge Gulf Staters went deep sea fishing at Grand Isle, Louisiana, and brought back four ice boxes full of white trout, red snapper, Spanish mackerel, and grouper. They fished off the charter ship of Captain Fink. The group went out to the 25 mile oil rigs at the mouth of the Mississippi. Those in the party were **Mel LeBlanc**, **Bill Tholbron**, **T. Boone Chaney**, **Johnny Prejean**, **C. J. Guedry** and Guedry's brother-in-law. One of the regular fishermen, **Les Cloutre**, missed out on this trip.



**A RIBBON WINNER.** "J" Hornsby presents his mother, Mrs. Howard Hornsby, with a Blue Ribbon for 100% attendance at P.T.A. meetings during the 1959-60 school year. "J", eight, and his brother, Ken, seven, attend the LSU Laboratory School. They are the sons of Howard Hornsby, Baton Rouge Sales Department.

**ATTEMPTS TO SAVE LIFE.** **Thomas A. Boone**, Baton Rouge Meter Department, helped pull Emmanuel Michael LeBlanc, 12 year old Port Allen youth, from the water at Thunderbird Beach. Though the youth died, we commend Tom for his efforts in aiding in the rescue.

## EARNs DEGREE.

**Marion Earl Council**, Baton Rouge T&D Engineering Department, received his masters of science degree in Electrical Engineering at Louisiana State University graduation exercises on June 4. Earl has worked very hard to earn this degree and we would like to congratulate him.



M. E. Council

**FISHING RODEO.** Top winner of the Baton Rouge Division's Fifth Annual Employees Fishing Rodeo was **Darrell Clement** who walked away with a boat, motor and trailer. His bass weighed in at 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was caught on Old River.

Winners in the Employee Division were: **W. O. Lepine**, whose bream won for him an outboard motor; **R. C. Lafferty** landed the winning sac-a-lait for a fly rod and reel and an assortment of tackle; **Stan Paxton** turned in the top striped bass; the winning catfish was caught by **P. H. Easley**; **J. W. Hebert** won the gaspergou division and





**WELCOMED TO GOVERNMENT STREET.** LeJune Young was employed recently as departmental clerk in the Baton Rouge Line Department.

**C. A. Bourgeois** hooked the top place roughfish.

All previous Rodeo records were broken for each type of fish in the Family Division. It was fun to see husband and wife competing to catch the biggest fish. In the majority of cases, there was no competition because the women landed the biggest and the most fish. Winners by classes of fish were: bass, **Mrs. Thelma Hebert**; bream, **A. J. Speeg**; sac-a-lait, **Mrs. Jean Lafferty**; striped bass, **Mrs. Sarah Goff**; catfish, **Mrs. Lois Easley**, who also won the roughfish division.

Designed for the little fellows who did not place in the Family Division was the Junior Division. Landing the top prize fish was **Clyde Pearson** in the 8 to 12 year age group with **Tommy Eubanks** placing first in the 7 years and younger group.

Prizes valued at \$3,200 were awarded to the winners of the Rodeo on May 28 at the Louisiana Station Assembly Hall with **T. O. McKnight** as guest speaker. The Rodeo Committee this year was headed by **Donald Shelton** as chairman and **T. B. Chaney** served as vice-chairman.

**PROUD HOME OWNER.** **Gayle** and **John Miller** are the proud owners of a new house in Denham Springs. Gayle is departmental clerk at Louisiana Station.

—By Patsy Hood

"If you work for a living, hope and pray that your company continues to make a profit, because the day it stops making a profit is the day you will be looking for a job with a company that is making a profit."

—Albert Nohl,  
New Mexico Taxpayer Assn.



**MAKES SCHOOL NEWS.** **Charles McCloy "Charlie" DeCuir**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Blackie" DeCuir**, was elected president of the American Marketing Association last month. Charlie is a marketing major at Lamar Tech where he is in his junior year. The DeCuir's daughter, **Alice** was graduated May 26 from Bishop Byrne High School in Port Arthur. She will enter Lamar Tech in June as a home economics major. Mr. DeCuir is supervisor of residential sales in Port Arthur Division.



Charlie and Alice DeCuir

**VACATION BOUND.** **Theresa McFarland** and husband **Hugh** vacationed in New York City last month. They left Saturday, May 14th, by Kansas City Southern for the Big City to spend their three week vacation. Theresa said she was a typical tourist. They went to Staten Island and the top of the Statue of Liberty. They had tickets to many of the shows. They had worlds to tell about when they got back.

**WEDDING BELLS RING.** **Shirley Crawford**, home service advisor in the Port Arthur Division since September, 1957, became the bride of **Donald R. Noack** in ceremonies at the First



Mrs. D. R. Noack

Baptist Church, Port Arthur. Mr. Noack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Noack of Port Arthur. Shirley's parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Crawford, Port Arthur. The newlyweds are making their home at 3725 7th Street, Port Arthur, Texas.

—By Rosemary Vaught

**BEAUTY CONTEST ENTRIES.** Two Navasota Gulf States beauties, **Bernice Fread** and **Dorothy Dickschat**, were contestants in the Brazos Valley Area Eliminations of the Miss Universe Contest. Bernice represented the Sew 'N Sew Fabric Shop in Bryan and Dorothy was the Navasota Lions' Club representative.

**LAZY VACATIONS.** Vacationers for May and June are **Anita Boles**, home service advisor; **Bill Richard**, industrial engineer; **John Haltmar, Sr.**, engineering assistant; **Larry Hard**, engineering assistant; **Bernice Fread**, PBX operator; **Dorothy Dickschat**, stenographer, and **Pete Abad**, janitor. Everyone seems to be on the "Doing Nothing Special-Just Relaxing" list except Anita and she is planning to spend some time attending the American Home Economics Association Convention in

**PORT ARTHUR KEGLERS.** Third place winners of the Workmen's Bowling League are pictured (left to right) **Vic Tompkins**, **Earl White**, **Leon Romero**, **Jake Hagler**, team captain, and **Lee**

**Terro.** Mr. White is holding his individual trophy for having the high game of 253 and high three series of 586. Mr. Hagler holds the third place team trophy.





Denver, Colorado, with **Leonora O'Neal**, Beaumont, and **Mildred Tribble**, Baton Rouge.

**A WELCOME AND A GOODBYE.** **Rose Ann Pry** has joined the Engineering Department in Navasota as a departmental clerk replacing **Margaret Ford** who resigned in April. Rose Ann was an honor graduate of Navasota High School and completed her business training at Durham's Business College in Houston. **Barbara Rhodes**, department clerk in the Operating Department resigned on May 27, to await a visit from the stork. Barbara has been with the Company almost two years.

—By *Jeanette Sangster*

## HUNTSVILLE

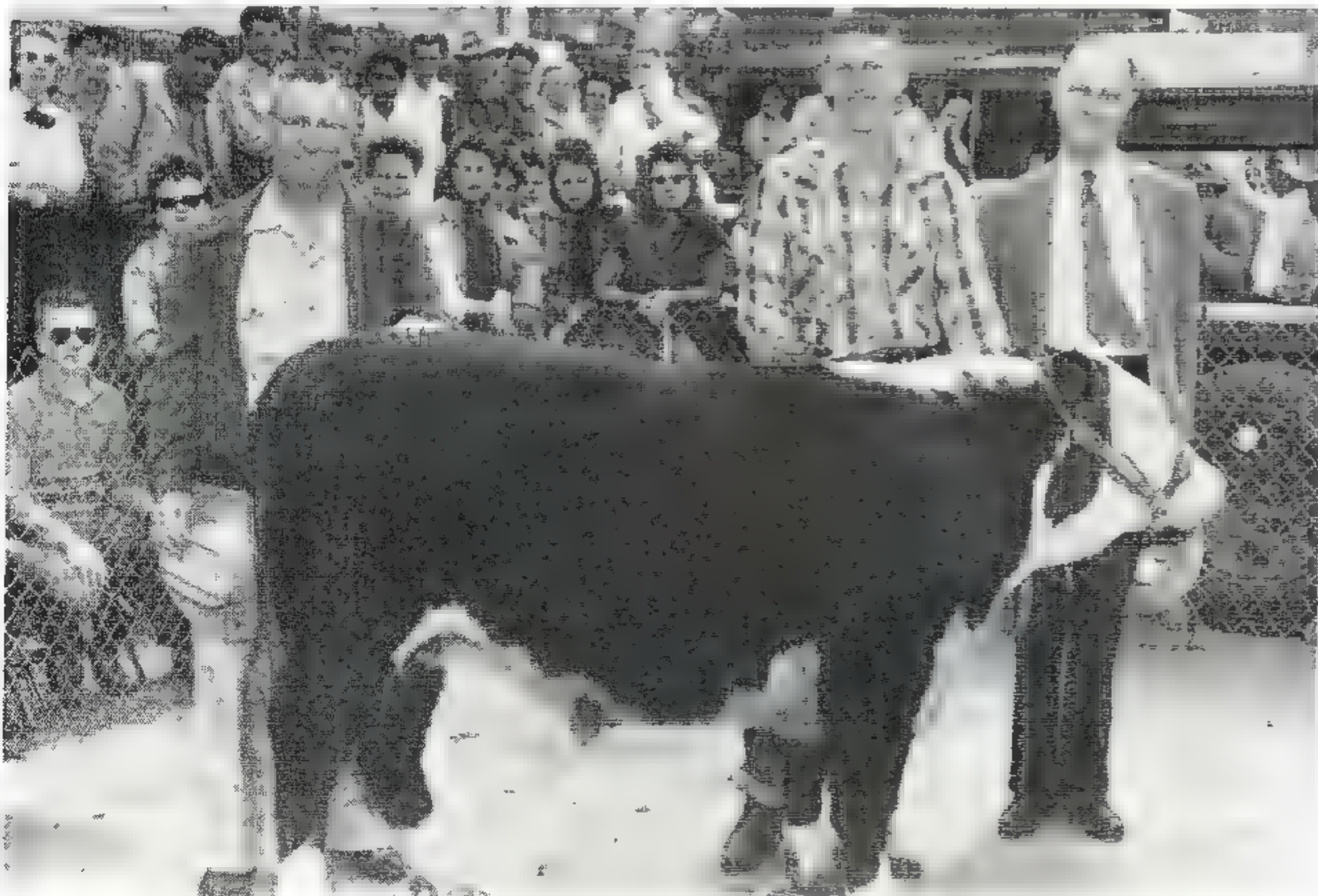
**HONORED** at farewell party. Employees of the Huntsville Office and Line Crew gave **Bill and Joyce Burke** a farewell party when he was transferred last month to Calvert as residential sales representative. The Burkes were presented an Early American Lamp and ash tray to help them remember the Huntsville gang. Bill moved his family to Calvert at the end of May.

—By *Dorothy Stanford*

## CALVERT

**FAREWELL PARTY.** On April 8 a farewell party was given at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merryman**, service assistant, Calvert, in honor of **Mr. and Mrs. Edd L. Mitchell** and family. Mr. Mitchell was transferred to Cleveland as residential sales representative. A gift of pottery was given to the Mitchells as a parting gift. Games of forty-two were played and refreshments were served.

**FFA CHAMP.** **Ronnie Matthews**, son of **Goree Matthews**, district superintendent, Calvert, exhibited the grand champion Hereford calf at the Calvert FFA show last month. The calf



**PARADE OF HOMES \$1000 WON.** Mr. and Mrs. **Raymon L. Gowan**, Beaumont, receive their \$1000 check from **Mr. Nelson** following the 1960 Gold Medallion Parade of Homes in Beaumont. **Don Streety**, right, Beaumont home build-

Those present were **Mr. and Mrs. Merryman**, **Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith**, **Janyce Bonifazi**, **Mr. and Mrs. Goree Matthews**, **Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Cooper**, **Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Satory**.

All of us in the Calvert District hope that the Mitchells will be happy in their new home in Cleveland.

**BURKES WELCOMED.** We also wish to welcome **Billy H. Burke** and his family from Huntsville. Bill has been transferred here as sales representative.

—By *Louise Satory*



er, represented the Home Builders Association of the Sabine Area, co-sponsors with our Company for the parade. Mr. Gowan registered for the prize money in the model home Mr. Streety exhibited in the parade.

## FROM THE SICK LIST. Pete

**McCrosky**, who was injured when he came in contact with live wire, returned to work on May 9. Pete is a lineman first class in the Lake Charles Line Department. **Emery J. Fruge**, line foreman in Lake Charles, is reported out of the hospital and back at home where he is recovering from a recent illness.

**VACATION TIME.** **Whitney J. Keller**, line foreman in Lake Charles, is back from vacation which he took the first week of May. Whitney reports that he got a chance to get in some fishing out at Big Lake where he caught some red fish, trout and shrimp. Others on vacation during May were: **Douglas R. Tyler**, lineman first class; **F. E. Mathis**, line foreman; **H. J. Henry**, lineman second class; **M. C. McMahon**, lineman second class; **A. C. Hughes**, helper; and **B. M. Cloyd**, truck driver.

—By *Margie Leon*

**KILOWATT PARTY.** The Lake Charles Kilowatt Klub held a supper party recently in the Knights of Columbus Educational Building in Lake Charles. The menu read—baked ham, beans, potato chips, olives, pickles and French bread, and drinks. After the meal the members and their guests danced to juke box music.

## LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL.

Gulf Staters in Lake Charles are really giving a helping hand with Little League baseball. The following are either managers, coaches, umpires, or somehow connected with the league: **Ray Grigsby**, **Marvin Goodman**, **Bob Wiggins**, **Leroy Courville**, **Pete McCrosky**, **Hubert Landry**, **James Wall**, **Joe Regan**, **Jack Trouard**, **Al Troville**, **Slim Frederick**, **Lynwood Stevens**, **Roy Louviere**, **Dan Goodman**, **Clyde Doucet**





**GOOD FISHING.** This is evident by the string of 50 bream caught in Lacassine Reserve by Joseph L. Manena, communication serviceman in Lake Charles Substation Department.

and **Summa Stelly**. We owe a big salute to these men for giving their time to such a worthwhile project.

—By Earline Stratton

**CONGRATULATIONS.** **Philip Allen**, Lake Charles supervisor of credit and collections, was recently elected president of the Lake Charles chapter of the National Office Management Association and was sent as a delegate to the N.O.M.A. convention in Montreal, Canada.

—By Pearl Cole

**CONSTRUCTION REPORT.** Another new substation was started the last week in May near Sulphur, Louisiana. The new substation will be known as the Sulphur Mines Substation and is located northeast of Sulphur. The Lake Charles Substation crews installed capacitor banks in several substations around Lake Charles during the month of May. The heavy summer load is beginning to creep up so every precaution must be made in advance to meet the high peak of July and August. Banks have been installed at Ann Street, Reigel, Broadmoor, Contraband, Ford Street, Smith and Goosport Substations.

—By Jo Ann Burnett

**WEATHER TALES.** The employees in the Lake Charles Engineering Department had stories to tell after the heavy rain April 29. **Roy Franques** and his rider, **Maggie Rogers**, were forced to abandon his 1960 Nash Rambler when the small car began floating toward a coulee. The two refugees waded in waist-deep water to a nearby cafe. **Truman Burton** plowed

bravely through the flood in his Chevrolet. He claims the water could not stop him and his Chevy, but an open manhole did.

**Frank Hazmuka** remained high and dry while his two riders, **John Conley** and **Vann Boudreaux**, removed shoes and rolled up trousers in order to push. The car only stalled five times on the way home. The fifth time Frank guiltily decided to get his feet wet in the pretense of helping. He stepped into a hole and got everything wet. **Sonny Horstmann** played "Good Samaritan" by pushing many stalled cars that fatal Friday. However, the rushing water proved too much for his valiant 1950 Ford. The force of the water disengaged the muffler and by the time Sonny got out of his car, the muffler had floated away.

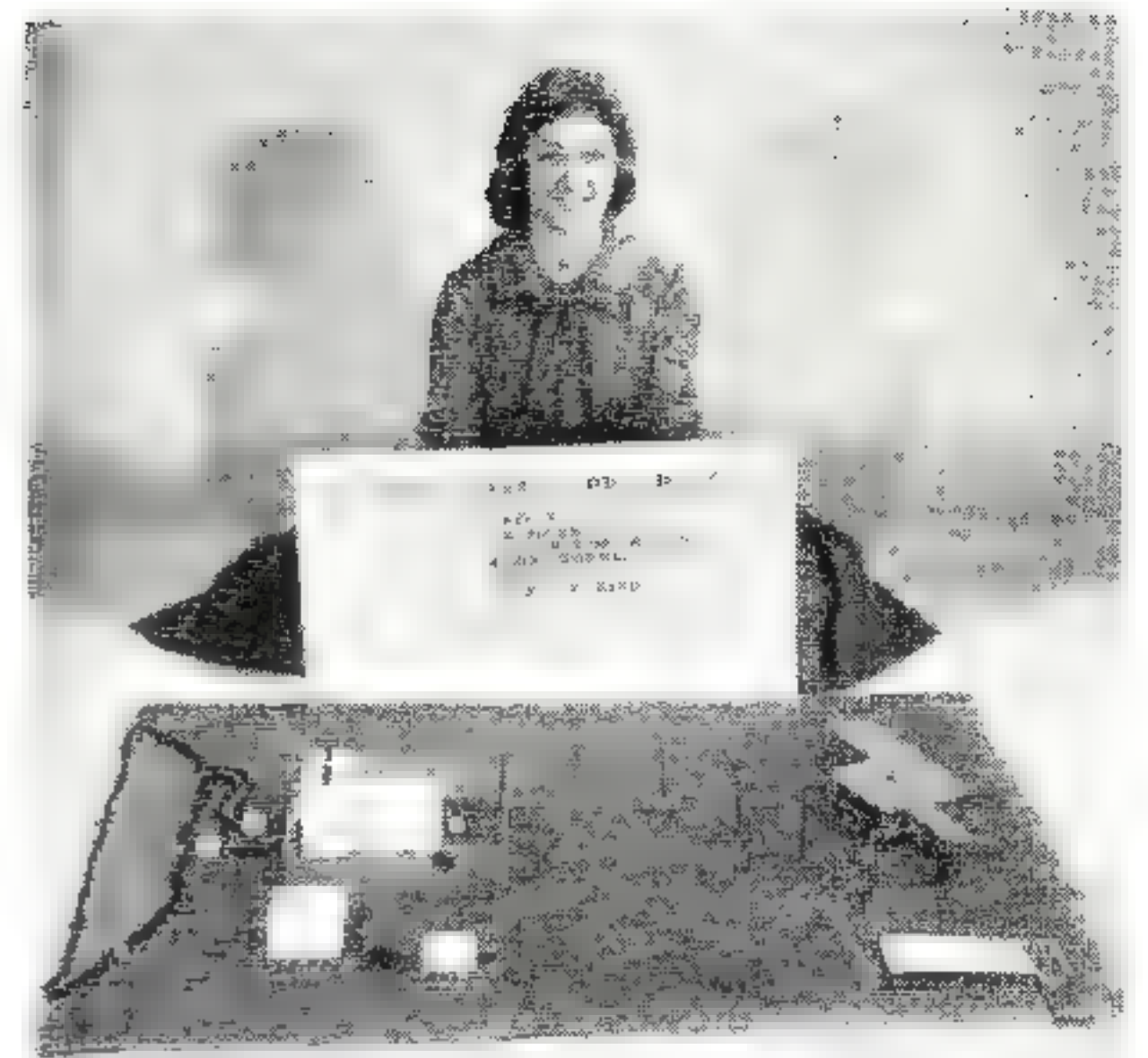
**Bill Dotson** was puttering along very nicely in his 1939 Chevy. An impatient new car kept honking for Billy to speed up, so he just stopped in the middle of the water. The new car flooded out while the Chevy continued on its merry way without even a sputter.

**VISITOR.** **Charlene Harper** brought her two-month-old daughter, **Deborah Gay**, to visit the Engineering Department recently. Everyone enjoyed seeing **F. W. Merrill's** former stenographer and her child.

**MORE VACATIONS.** **Mr. and Mrs. John Wellheuser** and their three children visited relatives in Indiana for a three week vacation the middle of May. **Maggie Rogers** took a week of her vacation the last of May. She visited her home in Thibodeaux, Louisiana, where she attended the high school graduation of her sister and the college graduation of her brother.

**PLANT IMPROVEMENTS.** Work on the installation of a sprinkler system

**ROSES AND BEAUTIES.** Fourteen lovely Beaumont coeds rode through Downtown Beaumont on our red and white, rose bedecked float in



**WINS FIRST PLACE.** Taska Rougeau, daughter of J. S. Rougeau, service foreman, Orange, displays her blue ribbon exhibit from the St. Mary's High School Science Fair last month.

in the Lake Charles Plant was begun last month. This work precedes the construction of an extension to the Engineering Department.

—By Mary Ann Dowies

**SOWELA TECH CLASS VISIT.** On May 5, 22 students from Southwest Louisiana Tech in Lake Charles along with their instructor, **Neill Carpenter**, toured Roy S. Nelson Station. Mr. Carpenter is industrial engineer in the Lake Charles District.

The students were welcomed to the station by **Robert Guidry**, maintenance supervisor. The class is composed of appliance repair students studying Elementary Electricity. Mr. Carpenter felt that each student really learned something of value as well as having an enjoyable evening.

**MORE VISITORS.** Harold Smith of El Paso Electric and Messrs. Floyd and Harvey of Combustion Engineers were the guests of **A. H. Demers**, test supervisor, at the station on May 5. Mr. Smith is superintendent of produc-

the Neches River Festival Parade. Smiling from the rear of the large float was an oversize red and white Reddy Kilowatt.





tion at El Paso Electric and spent the day touring the plant and discussing the items that were of interest of him. On May 6, we were honored to have several engineers and supervisors from the DuPont plant at Orange, Texas. They were Messrs. Jess Miller, P. M. Alexander, J. N. Montgomery, C. C. Hagerty, and L. C. McGee. They were particularly interested in the instrumentation on Number 3 Unit.

**GOLD MEDALLION HOME.** Mr. and Mrs. W. F. "Red" O'Kelley and family of Westlake are very proud of their new Gold Medallion Home. It has all the trimmings including a heat pump. Red says he will really be proud of it in 20 years.

**SECOND COURTSHIP.** Mrs. Bonnie Mouhart was operated on and is recuperating very nicely at her mother's. Buck is getting the privilege of courting her all over again as he visits her daily.

**SPRING HOME REPAIRS.** Alton LeDoux is remodeling and adding on to his home. Since Al is doing the work himself, all would-be carpenters are cordially welcomed to come to his assistance. Even the cat has been painted at the Lynch residence where Schunke and Lynden are attempting (with the help of two small daughters) to repaint the outside of their home.

—By Martha S. Lynch

## LAFAYETTE

**LAFAYETTERS FORM CLUB.** The newly formed K.V.A. Club (Kajun Vagabond Association) held its first get-together on Saturday, May 7. The club members enjoyed a bar-b-que at that time. Officers elected to head the K.V.A. are: **Lester Gauthier**, president; **Horace Lacombe**, vice-president; **Bobbie Denais**, secretary; and **Henry Legnon**, treasurer. **Earl Broussard**, **John E. Landry**, and **J. J. Hopkins** were named to the board of directors.

**GRADUATION TIME.** Iva Fanell Parton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



Miss Parton

**George Parton**, graduated May 20 from the Lafayette Senior High School. Miss Parton was a member of the Library Club, the 4-H Club and the School Choir at Lafayette High. She plans to enter Southwestern Louisiana Institute in Lafayette in the fall.

Mr. Parton is substation foreman in Lafayette.

**TRADES DESKWORK FOR HOUSEWORK.** A farewell party was given recently for **Anna Holliers**, who resigned to become a full-time housewife. She was presented a lamp for her new home. **Barbara Meaux** is replacing Anna.

**VACATIONS.** A number of Lafayette employees enjoyed their vacations last month. They were: **Hubert Faulk**, **Tom LaPoint**, **Alvin St. Julien**, and **Whitney Trosclair**. Mr. and Mrs. **J. R. Peckham, Sr.**, are on an extended tour of the West Coast for one month. Mr. Peckham is district superintendent in Lafayette.

**CONVENTION BOUND.** **J. K. Powell**, service foreman, attended the National Code Convention held May 5-6 in Marshall, Texas.



E. P. Guidry

**LUCKY HUNTER.** **E. P. Guidry**, substation operator, Lafayette, had a 'little' luck not too long ago while he was on a hunting trip. He came home with about 75 quail. This sounds like it took more than just luck.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:** **Denis Dugas**, **Allen Hernandez**, **Edwin Judice**, **Wilfred Duhon**, and **Douglas Provost**.

—By Cynthia Trahan



**GOODBYE DOROTHY.** A farewell party was given to **Dorothy Hall** of the Beaumont Stenographic Department.

**SAD TO GO.** Dorothy Hall, center, Beaumont Stenographic Department, is saddened to trade her desk and typewriter for an electric range. The girls of the Steno Pool and Duplicating Section surprised her with some gifts and a cake on



**TIME OUT FROM WORK.** The maintenance crew at Neches Station pause to have their picture taken while working on a circulating water pump. The pump is 19½ feet long and weighs approximately 22,000 pounds. From left to right are **Maxie Montagne**, **Willie Jefferson**, **W. C. Floyd**, **T. M. Walker**; in the pump, **R. H. Pryne**.

ment by her friends as she departed to become a full-time homemaker. Her friendly smile and ready wit will be sorely missed by all of her associates. She was the honor guest at a steak dinner and Canasta "get-together" at **Erlene Cessac's** home in Nederland. Attending besides the guest and hostess were **Brenda King**, **Catherine Abney**, **Gloria Bishop** and **Grace Spivey**.

**WELCOME ABOARD.** A glad welcome is extended to **Allison Pearson** as she joins the Beaumont Stenographic Department. A graduate of Beaumont High School, Allison has one daughter, **Laurie**. Her husband, **Boyd**, is a tester in the laboratory at Gulf Refinery in Port Arthur.

her last day with the Company. At the left, they are **Billie Jean Hamilton**, **Brenda King**, **Katherine Abney**, **Gloria Bishop**, **Joann Lee**, **Erlene Cessac**, **Barbara Malley**, **Grace Spivey** and **Mary Jane Carroll**.







**FAREWELL GIFT.** L. V. Dugas, superintendent of industrial and commercial sales, Beaumont, presents his stenographer, Pat Dowell, with a waffle iron when she resigned recently.

**NEW FAMILY ADDITION.** Carolyn Murphy, Mail Room, has a new addition to her family—a Volkswagen named "Spurt Nick". No one knows its gender or whether it is rotary or reel type.

—By Ward McCurtain

**THE** Eleventh Floor gang bade farewell last month to Pat Dowell, stenographer to L. V. Dugas, superintendent of industrial and commercial sales. Her friends presented her with a waffle iron as a going away present.

Betty Ratley replaced Mrs. Dowell as stenographer. Mrs. Ratley's husband, Bob, is stationed with the U. S. Navy at Orange. They have recently moved to this area from Norfolk, Virginia.

—By Mary Schlicher

**SURPRISE PARTY.** A surprise birthday party was given for W. V. Faver, supervisor of customer accounts, by his employees on May 27. His birthday was May 28.

**WELCOME.** We want to extend a welcome to a new employee, Joyce Romero. We hope that you will enjoy working with us, Joyce.

**NEW HOMEOWNERS.** We have two new homeowners in the Customer Accounts Department. Bonnie Horton moved into her new house last month; she and her husband, Lawrence, live at 5255 Landry Lane. Carol Evans and her husband, Don, bought a new house at 4350 Dallas.

—By Barbara Andrews

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN VACATION.**

Ruby Corder, executive secretary to J. J. Morrison, executive vice president, and her husband, Gene, returned recently from vacationing in the Smoky Mountains. Among points of interest they visited on their trip were the Smoky Mountain National Park and Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

—By Gwen Thompson

**VACATION BOUND.** Aubrey D. Sprawls, area development engineer, and his family enjoyed vacationing in Oklahoma last month where they visited Mr. Sprawls' father. From there they traveled to New Mexico to visit more relatives.

**APPOINTED TO OFFICES.** Oscar K. Baxley, Jr., commercial sales representative, has been named chairman of the advance box seat sales for the Y.M.B.L. Rodeo to be held June 23, 24 and 25 at the Southeast Texas Fair Grounds in Beaumont. Joseph H. McClelland, Jr., industrial engineer, was recently elected secretary of the Sabine Chapter, Texas Society of Professional Engineers. Mary Elaine Tenholder, daughter of Fred Tenholder, commercial sales representative, was elected vice president of the Gulf Coast Area School Press Association at a meeting held recently in Houston. Mr. Tenholder was elected to an office also last month. He was made a director of the Houston Area Fair Council.

**SOUTH OF THE BORDER.** Diane McClelland, daughter of Mr. McClelland, will tour Mexico this summer with the Melody Maids, a singing organization composed of young girls of high school age from the Beaumont area.

**MEMORIAL DAY AT THE BEACH.** Dorothy Gaus, commercial sales stenographer, Flo Wenzell, stenographer to R. A. McAlpine, superintendent of sales, Beaumont, and her son, Jackie, spent Memorial Day Weekend at Flo's beach cabin at Bolivar. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jack Scott, and her son, Douglas. Mrs. Scott's husband is employed at Neches Station. They fished, swam, soaked up the sun and really enjoyed themselves. Poor old Larry was working midnights and had to stay at home and "batch" for the weekend and missed all the fun.

**WINS PLACE AT ART FESTIVAL.** In the Third Annual Easter Art Festival sponsored by the Gateway Shop-



**DISPLAYS EASTER ART.** Viki Jean Bishop, daughter of J. B. Bishop, Jr., Beaumont Sales Department, shows her third place winning "Easter Chicks".

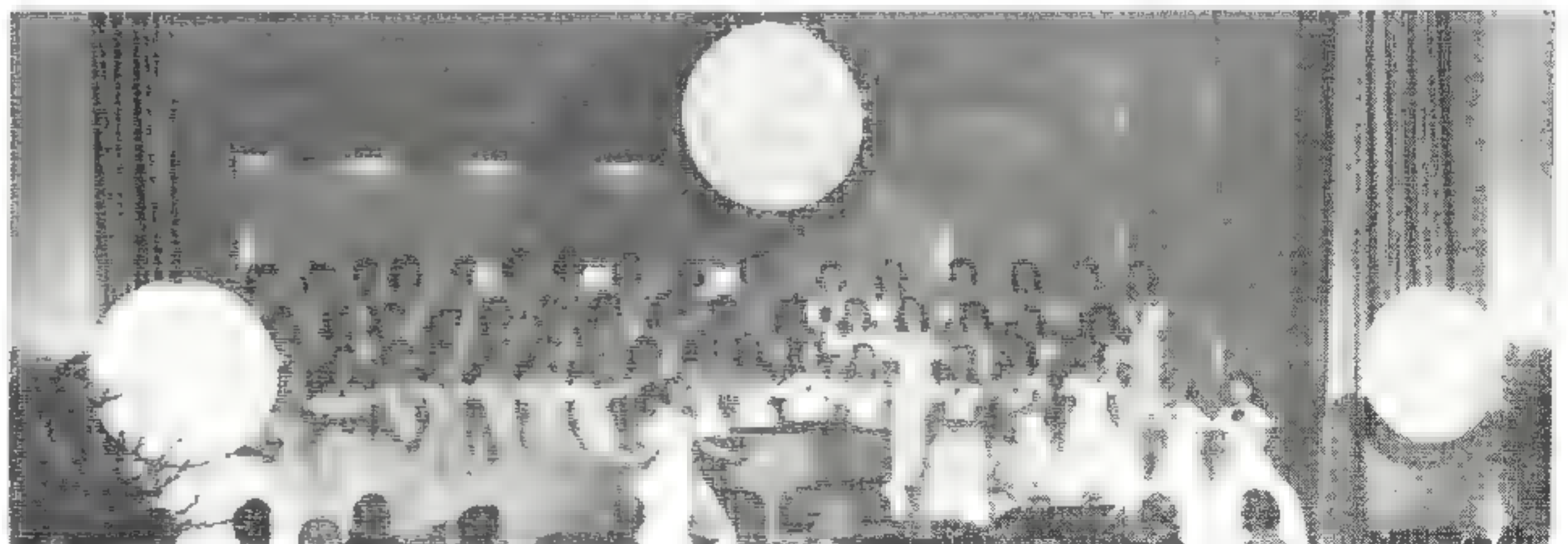
ping City in Beaumont, April 5, Viki Jean Bishop, daughter of J. B. Bishop, Jr., commercial sales representative, won third place in the first-through-third-grade group. Her picture was a crayola entitled "Easter Chicks". Viki also won honorable mention in the Port Arthur News Easter Coloring Contest.

**NEW SALESMAN.** Manning E. "Gene" Tillery was recently employed by the Beaumont Division Sales Department as a residential sales representative. Gene attended the University of Hawaii for one year and received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree from St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas, in 1953. At St. Edwards he majored in business administration. While a student at St. Edwards, he attended a summer session at the University of Dayton.

Following graduation from St. Edwards, he served in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1957. He was stationed for two years in Germany. While stationed in California he attended the Army Language School where he studied Russian.

After being released from the Air Force, Gene attended the University of Texas for one year taking post-graduate work.

—By Flo Wenzell



**ENTERTAINS AT AWARD DINNER.** Pamela Kay Whitson, 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Whitson, Jr., Neches Station, sings a solo at the Beaumont Service Award Dinner.

Pamela is the granddaughter of A. L. Whitson, Sr., also at Neches Station. Pamela is a student of Mrs. Eloise Milam, director of the world-famed Melody Maids.





**GRADUATE HONORED.** Cynthia Marshall, 18-year-old daughter of Gulah "Dude" Marshall, Beaumont Records Department, was honored recently by friends at a dinner in the Chateau Briand Room of Beaumont's Holiday Inn. Cynthia

### HONORED UPON GRADUATION.

Cynthia Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall, was graduated from French High School in Beaumont on May 24. Mrs. Marshall is employed in the Records Management Department. Prior to graduation, Cynthia was awarded a scholarship by the North Beaumont Lion's Club. She will use the scholarship to attend Lamar Tech in the Fall. At French High, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Teacher's Association and Foreign Language Club. She was Captain of the Buffalo Belles during her senior year and was selected a campus beauty by the Yearbook. Miss Marshall taught French a year at Eugene Field Elementary School. Three pre-graduation parties were given to compliment Cynthia. The first was an afternoon tea on April 30 given by Mrs. D. L. Hybarger and her daughter, Diane. A dinner party was given at the Holiday Inn on May 12 by Carolyn Murphy, Audrey Sirman and Imogene Poindexter, all of the Records Management Department. The third was a swim party and hamburger feed at the Business and Professional Men's Club on May 14 given by three of her aunts.

**HELLO AND GOODBYES.** The Records Management Department welcomed a new employee May 16. She is Mrs. Bobbie Arnold. The department bade goodbye to two employees also. Penny Keller, left the Company on May 13, and Gail MacFadden resigned June 3. She and her husband, Alex, will attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Alex was a professor

is a graduate of French High School. The guests are, left, Imogene Poindexter, Mrs. Marshall, Ginger Lee, Thelma Thatcher, Cynthia, Paula Cannon, Helen Sample, Carolyn Murphy, and Audrey Sirman.

of English at Lamar Tech. He will teach at Alabama and work toward a Ph.D. in English while Gail works toward a B.A. in English.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY.** Birthday greetings were extended to Martha Peebles of the Records Department on May 23.

**VISITS GARDENS.** Imogene Poindexter visited the Hodges Gardens outside Many, Louisiana, on May 14. She reported that during the months of May and June, the Rose Gardens are featured as the outstanding attraction.

—By Frances Linthicum

Gloria King, new stenographer in the Corporate and Finance Department, Beaumont, examines some of the plaques and certificates awarded the Company, competing with other utility and business firms in fields ranging from advertising



### WEDDING BELLS RING. Martha

Kate Jordan became the bride of Hubert L. King May 28 in the Central Church of Christ in Beaumont. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jordan and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. King. Mr. Jordan is supervisor of project engineering in Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were hosts at a reception in the Ridgewood Motor Hotel following the wedding.

### WEDDING BELLS RINGING. Mary

Beth Futch, Beaumont Billing Department, became the bride of W. R. McDuff in wedding ceremonies at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Port Arthur July 2. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duvall Futch and the groom is the son of Mrs. Ann McDuff. Attendants for the couple were: Margaret Homes, maid of honor; Dorothy Travis, bridesmaid; Bill McClellen, best man; Tom Burks, groomsman. Junior attendants were Martha Futch and Bobby Price. The couple will make their home in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where Bill is stationed with the United States Army.

**Dorothy Louise DuBose**, Billing Department, was married to Eugene C. Martin, Neches Station, on May 27. They are now at home at 312 South 4th Street, Nederland, Texas.

**Jessie Mae Domec**, Billing Department, became the bride of Carroll LaBouve on May 28. They left June 5 to make their home in San Diego, California, where he is stationed with the United States Marine Corps.

to safety programs. These awards, only a portion of the total won by the Company, cover the twelve year span from 1947 to 1959 and are displayed on the 20th floor of the General Office Building, Beaumont.



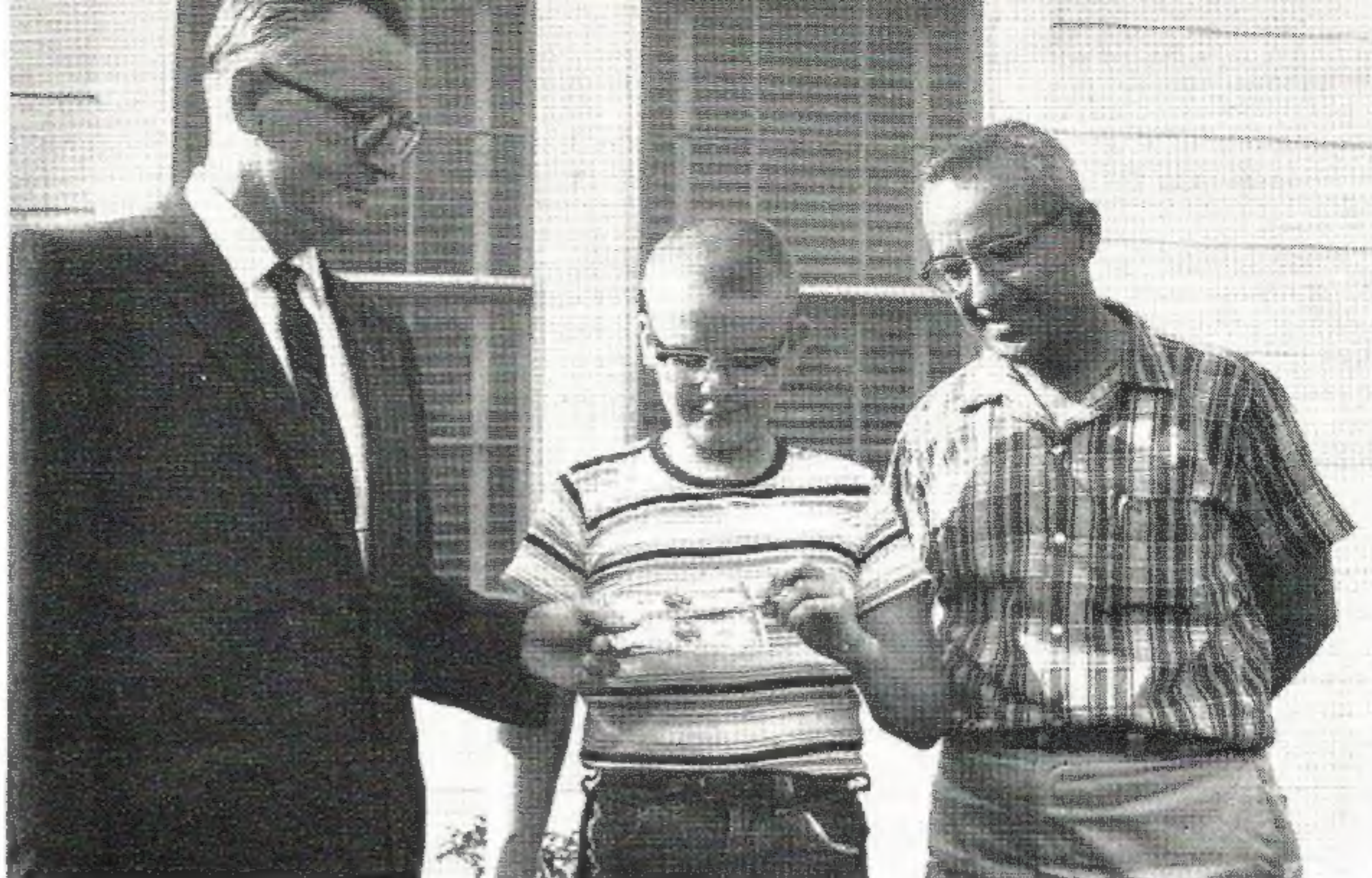
**HOMEOWNER.** Maxine Glenn and family have joined the ranks of Gold Medallion Home owners. They are now building their new home at 295 Fairway Drive in Vidor. Maxine says that they are enjoying the country living.

**PINK AND BLUE UMBRELLAS.** Frances Powers was the honoree at a Pink and Blue Shower at the home of Bernice Eaves on May 21. The interior was decorated with pink and blue umbrellas. Co-hostess was Pat Leonard.

**TRIPS, CONVENTIONS, VACATIONS.** Alma "Flo" Stevenson and her husband, Dr. Earl Stevenson of Vidor, attended a chiropractor convention at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston the first part of June. Seldra Weaver spent part of her vacation lounging and fishing on a relative's yacht from Houston. George Irvin spent his vacation at home pouring concrete for a patio.

**IN THE GOOD OLE SUMMER TIME.** The summer season was ushered in with a beach party given by Shirley Bonner. Week-end guests were Tommie Byrd, Jessie Dyer, Glenda Milner, and Pat Ester. The group not only enjoyed the beach but also a trip to Galveston.

**RECEIVES DEGREE.** Lois Welch received her "PhT Degree" last month



**PIN MONEY.** J. W. Atkins, (left) operating supervisor, Beaumont T&D, presents Paul W. Anawaty, son of Maurice Anawaty (right), with

the money he won for the two posters he entered in the April Children's Safety Poster Contest.

as her husband graduated May 28 from Lamar Tech with a degree in electrical engineering. After two months they will be located in Denver, Colorado.

**NEW FACES.** Two new employees came to work for the Company last month in the Beaumont Billing Department. They are Rosaline Ferrell and Vicki Amundsen.

—By Tommie Byrd

**PLACES IN BOWLING MEET.** Congratulations to Ken Londers on his Class "B" Singles score of 573 at the Texas State Bowling Tournament held recently in San Antonio, Texas. Ken's 73rd place netted him \$15. A total of 1,102 competed in this class and the prize list extended to 222 places. Nice bowling, Ken.



James DeLatte

**WINS LEGION AWARD.** James DeLatte, son of J. N. DeLatte and brother of Helen DeLatte, Stores Accounting Department, received the American Legion Award at St. Anthony's Junior High School in Beaumont on May 26. James is active in church work and was president of his class for the 1959-1960 school year. He is 13-years-old.

—By Minnie Marino

## ORANGE

**VACATION TIME.** Among the early vacationers in Orange have been "Slim" Bolton, Walter House, Mollie Mathews, Alice Pell, Reba Willey, Davie Carpenter, Ruby Cooper, Harvey Barron, and Buck Wingard.

**GONE WITH THE WIND.** Howard Trammal, Orange Meter Department, recently lost one of his contact lenses. Howard had just gotten to where he could wear them all the time when the wind caught one and carried it away. It probably went to find Patsy Winkel's bridgework.

**NEW EMPLOYEE.** Rose Zeto recently came to work in the Orange Accounting Department. We want to extend a warm welcome to Rose and hope she'll be happy here.

—By Reba Willey



**FISH, FISH, FISH.** Gene Teel and Joe Foreman, Liberty Line Crew, recently caught this fine mess of fish at the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company Reservoir at Moss Bluff, Texas.

**GRIME DOESN'T PAY**



"YOU'RE RIGHT THE FOREMAN IS MOPPING UP THE OIL THAT JOE SPILLED!"





Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey P. Lee on the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Saundra Renee**, on May 5. Mr. Lee is an employee in the Gas Meter Shop in Baton Rouge.

Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Lyle on the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Laura Lanell**, May 14. Mr. Lyle is an employee in the Beaumont Engineering Department.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Naquin on the birth of their fifth child and second daughter, **Jean Marie**, born May 17 at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge. Mr. Naquin is a serviceman in the Baton Rouge Service Department.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shute on the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Laura Jean**, May 2 in Orange Memorial Hospital. Mr. Shute is employed in the Orange T&D Line Department.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sylvest on the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, **Kristie Lynette**, born on May 12 at Baton Rouge General Hospital. Mr. Sylvest is a substation operator in the Baton Rouge Service Department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Daigle on the birth of their third child and first daughter, **Terri Lynn**, on May 6 at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. Mr. Daigle is employed in the Baton Rouge Substation Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trahan on the birth of their daughter, **Kathryn**



IN THE EASTER PARADE. Young Jim, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Towers, is all fixed up in his Sunday best. Mr. Towers is training representative in Beaumont.

Pauline, April 29. Mr. Trahan is in the Lake Charles Service Department.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sockrider, Sr., on the birth of their grandson, **Keith Brian** on May 9. Mr. Sockrider is district accountant in Lake Charles. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sockrider, Jr., of Baton Rouge.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Howell on the birth of twin daughters, **Patricia Lynn** and **Pamela Sue**, on April 30. Mr. Howell is in the Lake Charles Line Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Sydow on the birth of their son, **Garland Douglas**, on May 18. Mr. Sydow is employed in the Navasota Line Department.

## PLAIN TALKS SYMPATHY TO

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mustin on the death of their 13-month-old son, **Billy Ray**, May 7. Mr. Mustin is an electrician at Louisiana Station.

E. L. Priest on the death of his sister, Mrs. **Inez Barefield** in Atlanta, Georgia, May 16. Mr. Priest is assistant general line foreman in Beaumont T&D Department. Mrs. Barefield was also the aunt of **R. P. Thompson**, serviceman, Beaumont Line Department.

Robert Guidry on the death of his stepfather, **H. T. McDaniel** of Port Arthur, Texas. Mr. Guidry is maintenance supervisor at Roy S. Nelson Station.

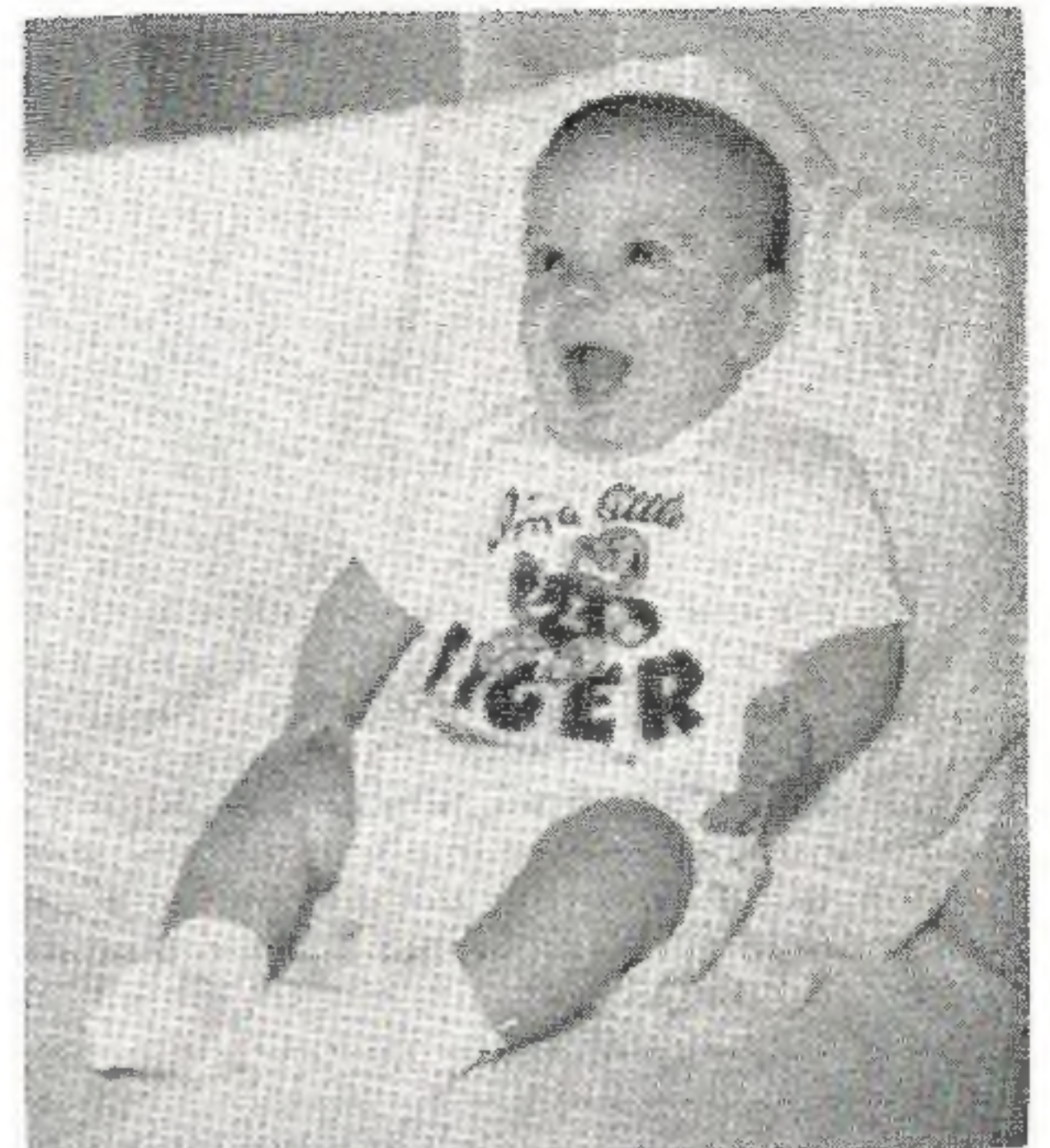
Our apologies to **C. L. Schooley**, Beaumont, for the error in the SYMPATHY TO column last month. The notice should have read:

**C. L. Schooley**, labor foreman, Beaumont, on the death of his father, **W. E. Schooley**, on April 5 in Lampasas, Texas.

We also apologize to **Renix Broussard**, Lafayette for the item on his brother's death which appeared under the wrong heading.

## gulf staters in the news

**L. V. Dugas**, superintendent of commercial and industrial sales, Beaumont, spoke recently before the members of the Winnie-Stowell-Hamshire Area Development Association. Mr. Dugas commented favorably on the growth prospects of the area and urged the citizens of the area to continue their progressive activities which have already shown results in community growth.



"... AND SO I SEZ TO CANNON ... BILLY ..." Scott Young, five months old in this photo, is the son of Lilah and Al Young, and an earmarked L.S.U. Tiger. Al is a writer in the Advertising Department, Beaumont.

## GROWING with Gulf Staters



PATTY-CAKE, PATTY-CAKE. Kimberly Ann, 17 months, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Casey. Mrs. Casey is a key punch operator in the Beaumont IBM Accounting Department.

**Edgar L. Bailey**, assistant treasurer, Beaumont, was installed as president of the National Office Management Association at a dinner dance May 23 in the Business and Professional Men's Club in Beaumont.





Linda Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max B. Clark, Beaumont Production.



Gay Nell Dewailly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dewailly, Baton Rouge T&D Department.



Martha Welsh, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Welsh, Beaumont Claims Department.



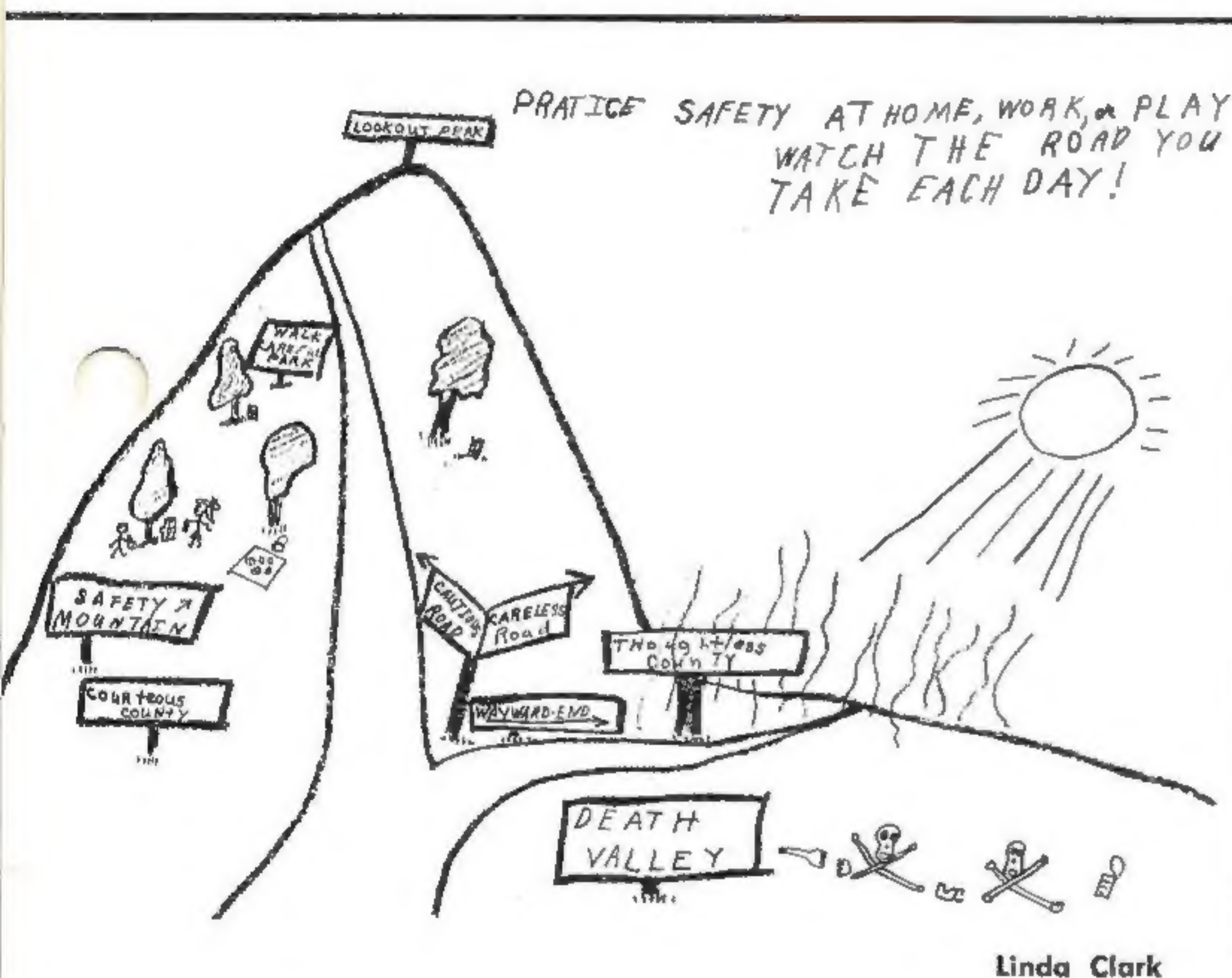
Jerome C. Valenta Jr., son of Jerome C. Valenta, Beaumont Storeroom.

### Children's Safety Poster Contest

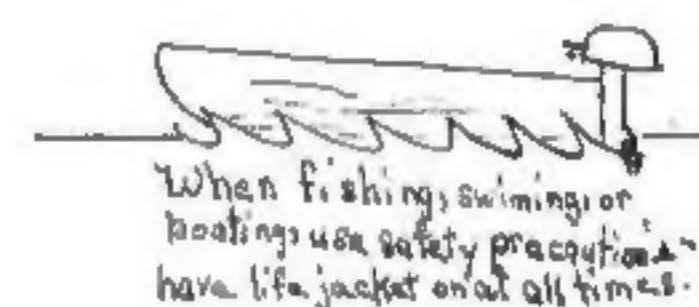
## FOUR WINNERS IN MAY

Each Winner Receives \$5 In Cash

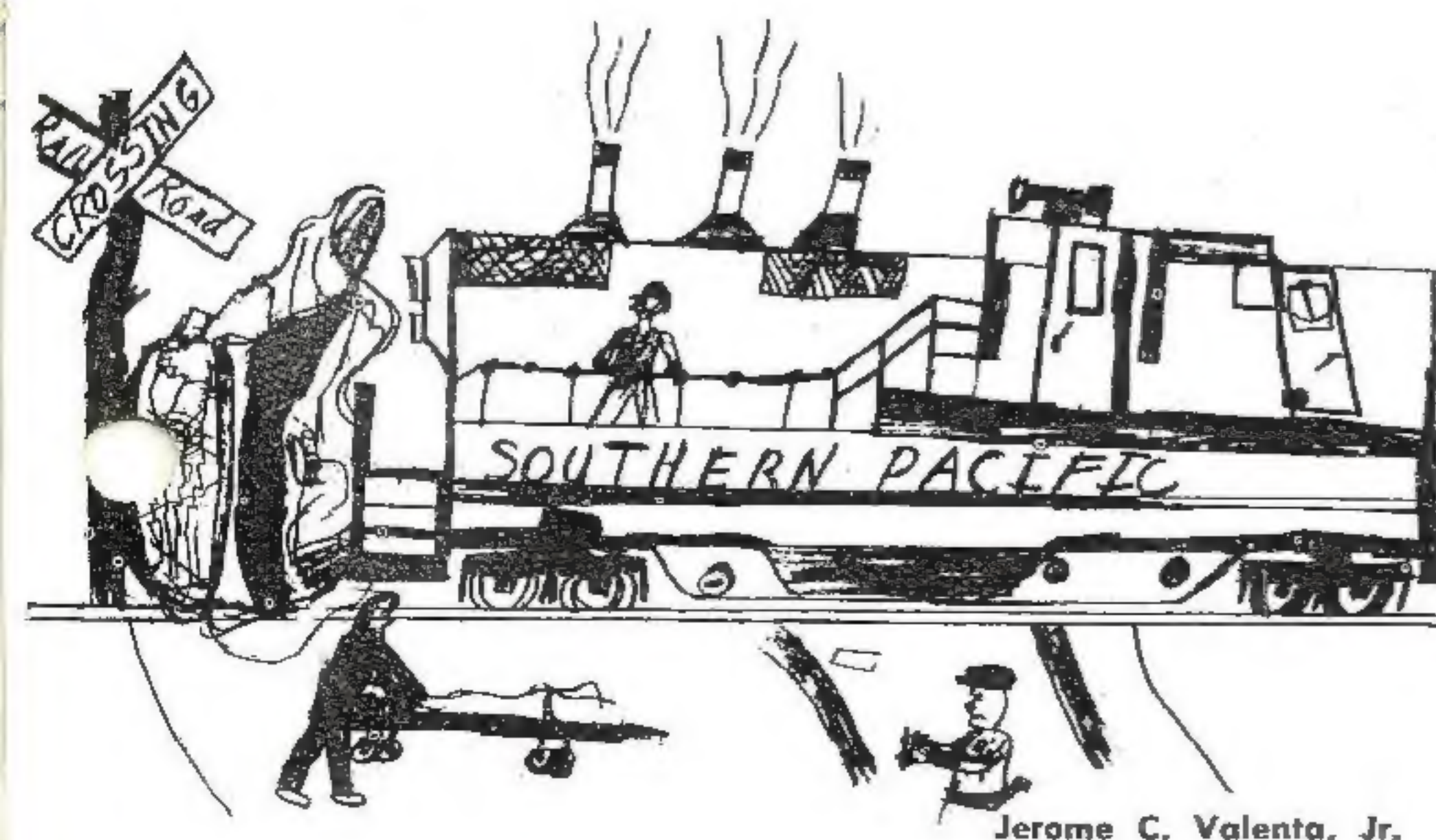
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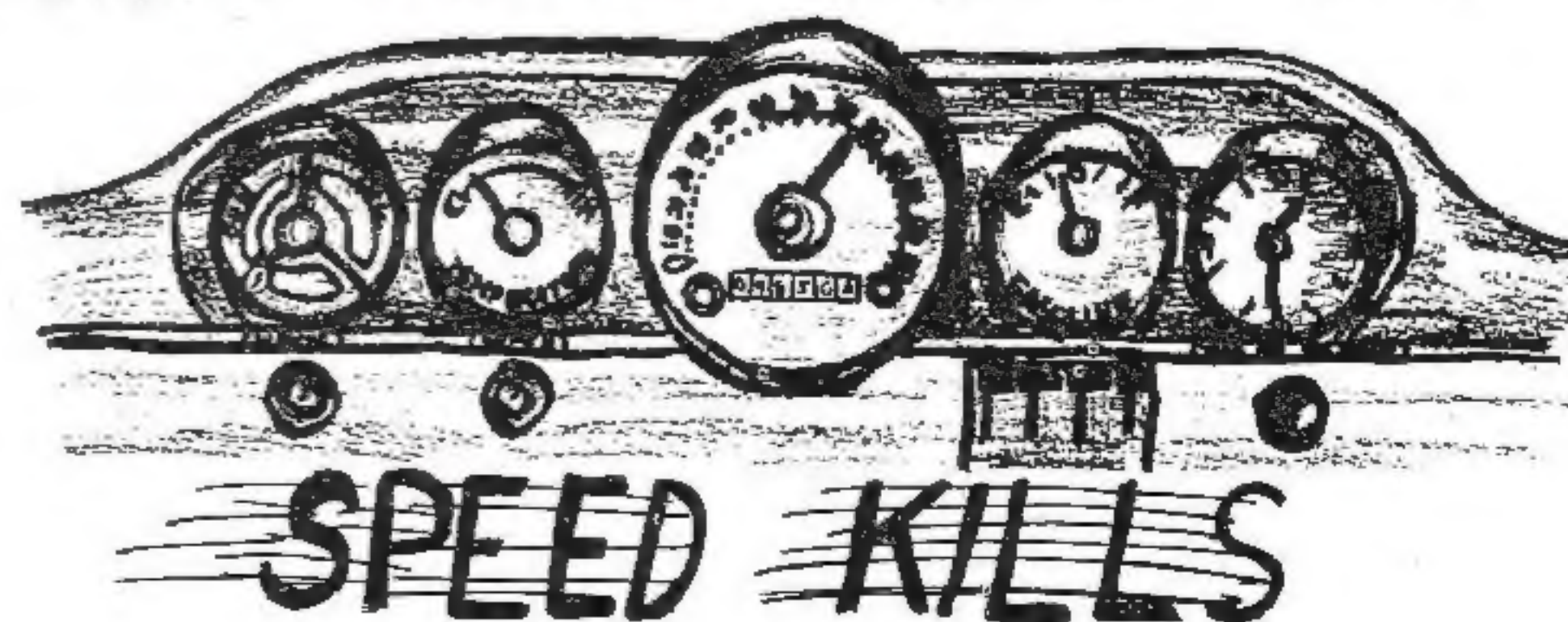
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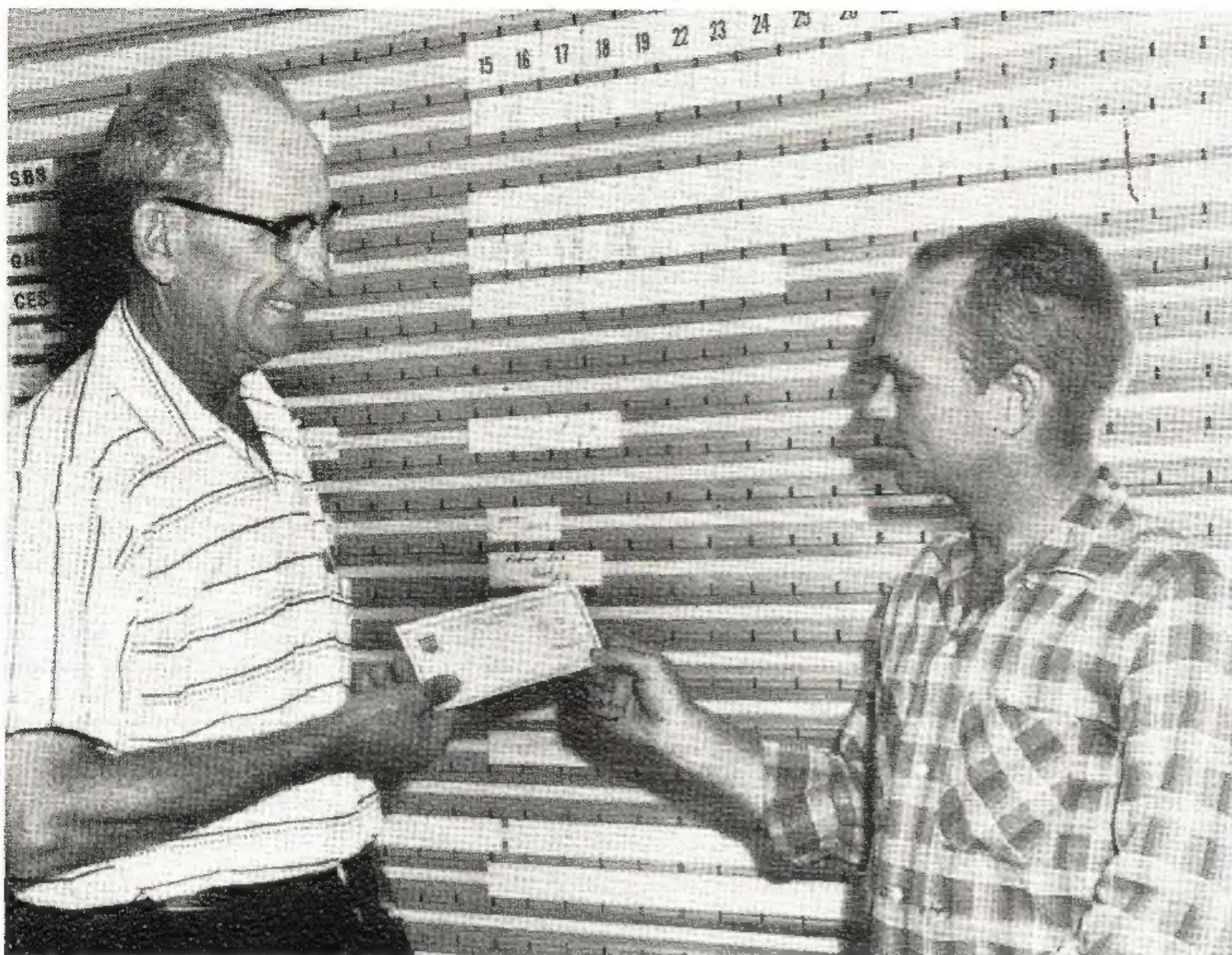
NEVER TRY TO BEAT TRAINS  
THIS ONE DIDN'T MAKE IT.



THERE WERE 427 ACCIDENTS ON TEXAS HIGHWAYS LAST YEAR DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND





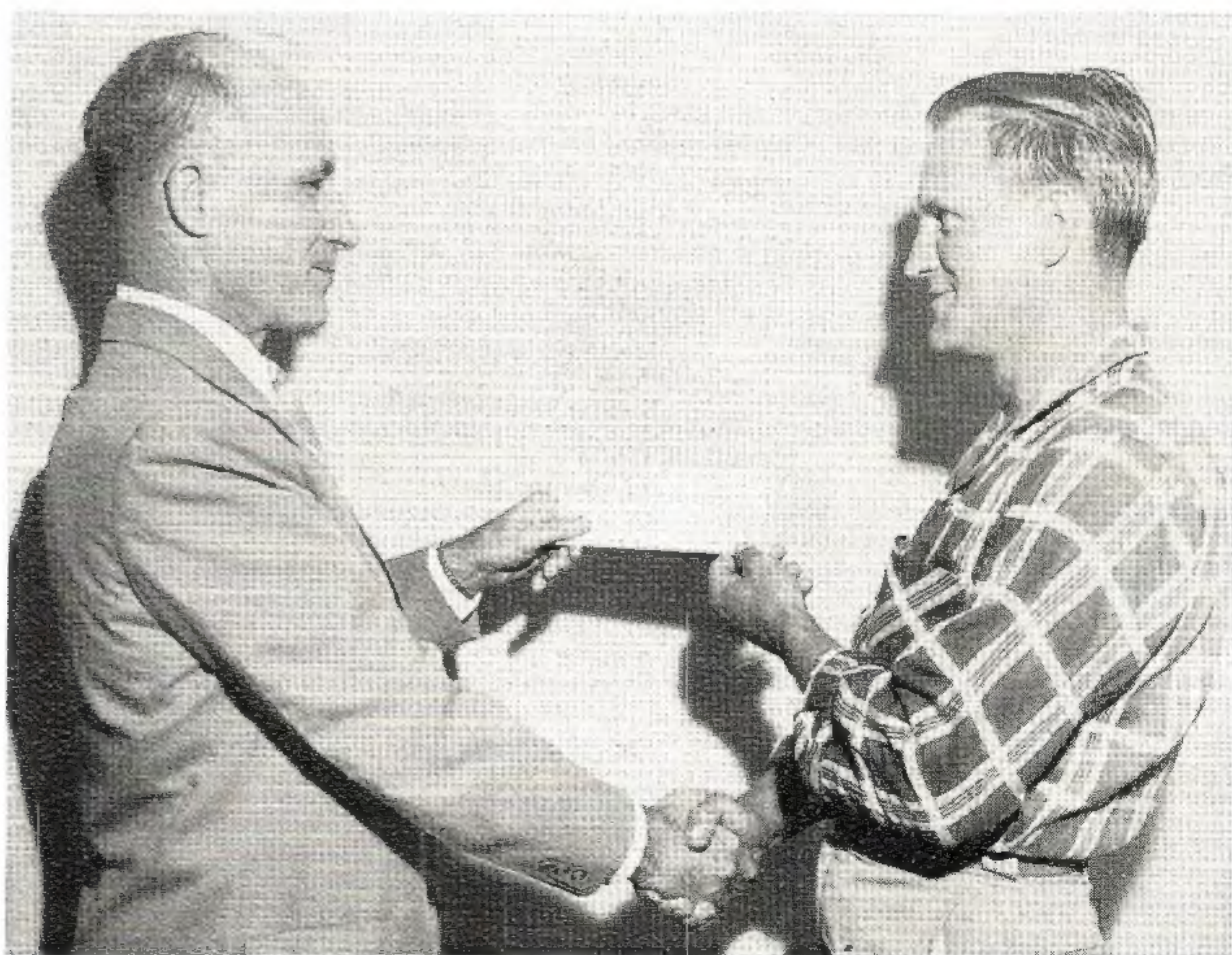


Mr. Boswell  
Receives  
First Prize  
\$25

G. B. Oglesbee, Beaumont general line foreman,  
presents G. W. Boswell, lineman first class, his  
\$25 check for first place.

## MAY TRAFFIC SAFETY CONTEST WINNERS

Mr. Falcon  
Receives  
Second Prize  
\$15



Rex Lee, formerly operating superintendent,  
Baton Rouge, congratulates Ray Falcon, Baton  
Rouge utility foreman for receiving the second  
prize of \$15. Mr. Lee is now manager of the  
Beaumont Division.

Six names were removed from the contest be-  
cause of accidents this month.